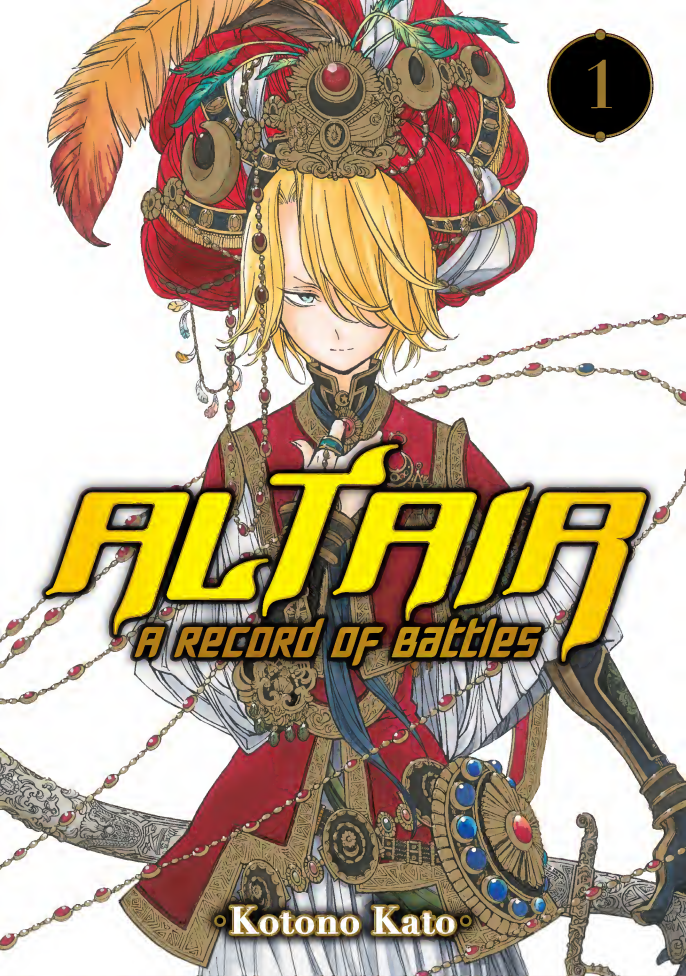




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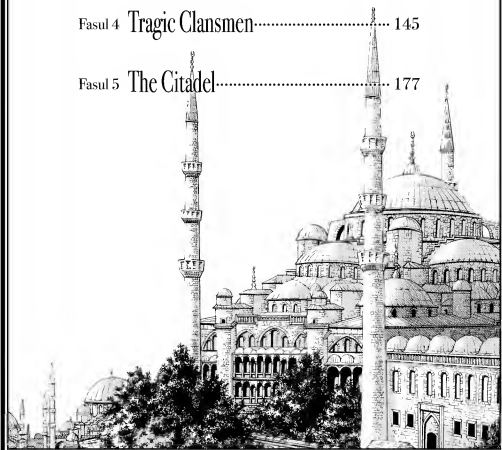


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IT'S A  
BANDIT!

HE  
HAS A  
KNIFE!

AFTER  
HIM!

The  
Devleti  
of  
Turkiye

Turkiye  
Calendar  
Year 75,  
Imperial  
Calendar  
Year 451,  
Sheker 3rd

PUT  
DOWN  
THE  
GOODS

AND  
PUT YOUR  
HANDS  
BEHIND  
YOUR  
BACK.

THAT'S  
FAR  
ENOUGH.

TAK





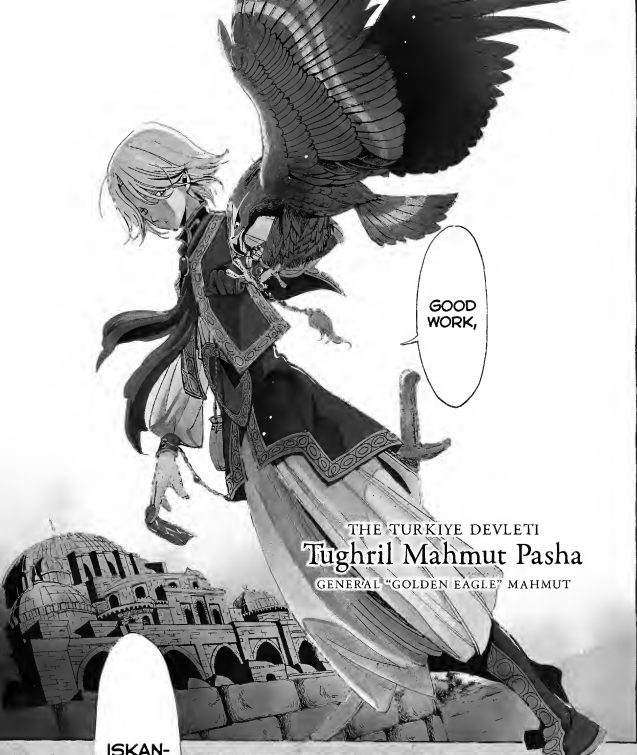
?!

CRACK

...!

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ハ  
FLAP.





THE TURKIYE DEVLETİ  
**Tughril Mahmut Pasha**  
GENERAL "GOLDEN EAGLE" MAHMUT

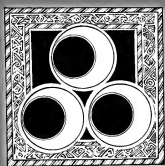
ISKAN-  
DAR.







Fasul 1 The Golden Eagle General



Türkiye

**MAHMUT  
PASHA!**



はあ  
HUFF!

わ  
WHEEE

**AN  
EMERGENCY  
MEETING OF  
THE DIVAN  
IS BEING  
CONVENED!\***

\* A FORM OF COUNCIL IN  
THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

**PLEASE  
RETURN TO  
THE KUBBEALTU  
IMMEDIATELY!\***

\*\* COUNCIL HALL





After receiving this missive, an emergency divan was called in Türkiye.

This would become the first divan...

...that Tughril Mahmut Pasha would attend.



The empire's anger was fierce, and together with the lethal arrow still fresh with Franz's blood, a missive was sent bearing the following...

THE BALT-RHEIN EMPIRE  
ST. MICHAEL CASTLE



...the Empire

will determine Minister Franz's death to be a declaration of war and take up arms against Türkiye."

If we do not receive a definitive answer within the next seven days...

"If the Türkiye Devleti has anything to say in its defense, please send a general to the imperial capital at once.

TÜRKİYE DEVLETİ  
KUBBEALTI



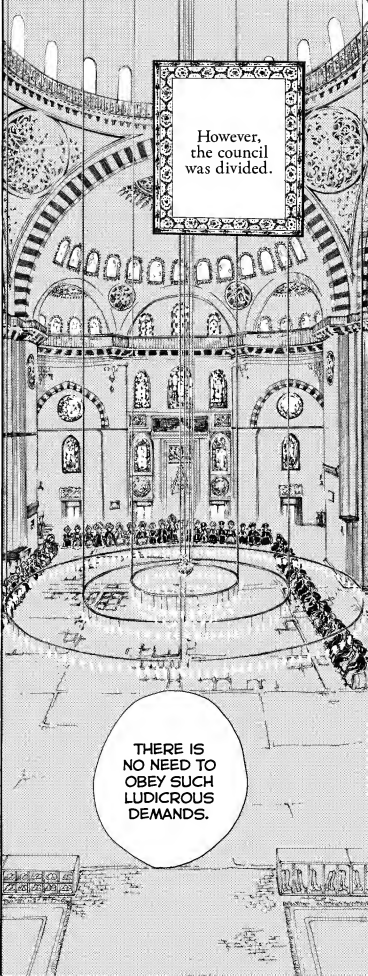
THIS  
MEANS  
WAR.

THE  
EMPIRE WILL  
CONTINUE  
TO BE A  
THREAT  
TO OUR  
NATION.

WE ARE  
DESTINED TO  
FIGHT THEM  
EVENTUALLY.

WAR PARTY  
**Zehir Zaganos Pasha**

"THE POISON GENERAL"  
(8 YEARS AS PASHA)



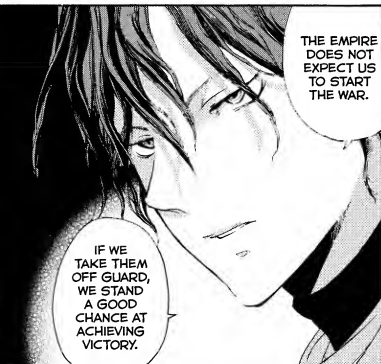
However,  
the council  
was divided.

THERE IS  
NO NEED TO  
OBEY SUCH  
LUDICROUS  
DEMANDS.



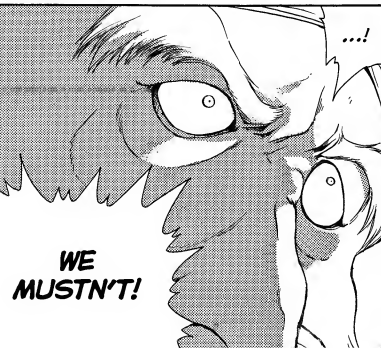
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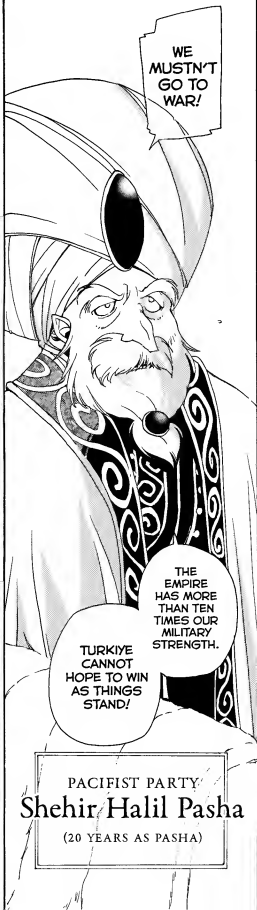
THE EMPIRE  
DOES NOT  
EXPECT US  
TO START  
THE WAR.

IF WE  
TAKE THEM  
OFF GUARD,  
WE STAND  
A GOOD  
CHANCE AT  
ACHIEVING  
VICTORY.



...!

**WE  
MUSTN'T!**

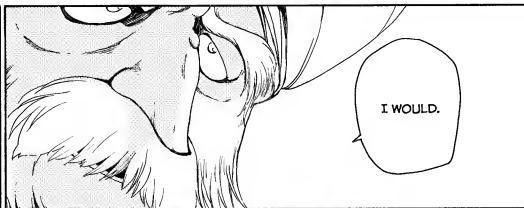


WE  
MUSTN'T  
GO TO  
WAR!

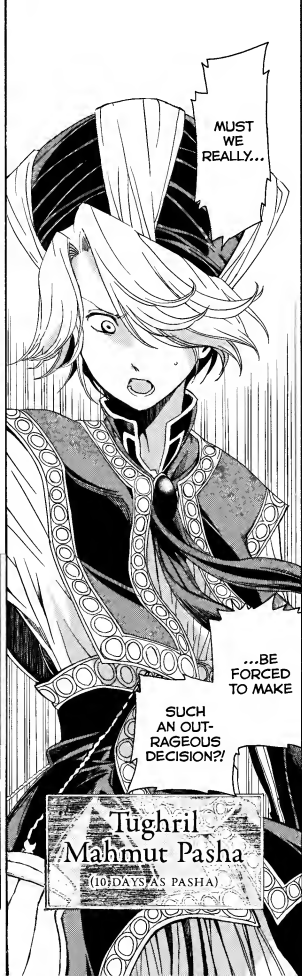
THE  
EMPIRE  
HAS MORE  
THAN TEN  
TIMES OUR  
MILITARY  
STRENGTH.

TURKIYE  
CANNOT  
HOPE TO WIN  
AS THINGS  
STAND!

PACIFIST PARTY  
**Shehir Halil Pasha**  
(20 YEARS AS PASHA)







YOU'RE  
NEW...

AND FOR  
STARTERS,

THIS WOULD  
MEAN THAT  
TURKIYE SOLDIERS,  
AFTER  
SPOTTING  
THE MINISTER  
INSPECTING  
THE BORDER,

IGNORED  
HIS ATTEN-  
DANTS AND  
ONLY FIRED  
UPON THE  
MINISTER.

WAS IT  
REALLY OUR  
SOLDIERS  
WHO FIRED  
THOSE  
ARROWS?

HOW CAN  
WE BE SURE  
THAT THE  
EMPIRE'S  
TESTIMONY  
IS TRUE?

...AREN'T  
YOU?



B-

RIGHT  
NOW WE'RE  
DISCUSSING  
WHETHER  
OR NOT TO  
GO TO WAR.

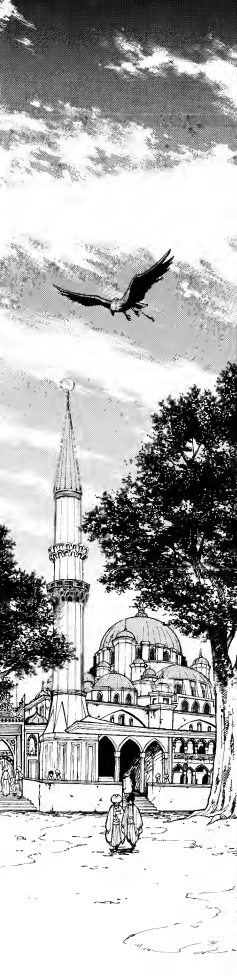


...I'D ASK  
THAT YOU  
STOP OBJEC-  
TING JUST  
BECAUSE YOU  
CAN'T DEAL  
WITH IT.

EVEN IF  
THE ISSUE  
IS COMPLI-  
CATED...



BUT...!



"AND I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO  
OFFER A  
RESPON-  
SIBLE  
PARTY."

"THE  
ISSUE IS  
FLAWED  
IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE."

"I  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
GO TO  
WAR."



ARE YOU  
A CHILD?



...DOESN'T  
HAVE TIME  
TO LISTEN  
TO YOUR  
TANTRUM.

THE  
COUN-  
CIL...



CHILDREN  
WHO CAN'T  
EVEN DISCUSS  
THE ISSUE  
SHOULD LEAVE.

...!



I  
SWEAR  
...  
CAN YOU  
THINK OF  
A MORE  
SKEWED  
CHOICE,  
ISKANDAR?



...FOR  
CHOOSING  
BETWEEN THE  
TWO OPTIONS  
PRESENTED  
TO THEM?!

IS A  
PASHA  
ONLY  
GOOD...



I RE-  
FUSE TO  
BELIEVE  
THAT...



HELLO.

ARE  
YOU  
FREE?

CARE TO  
GO FOR  
A WALK  
WITH ME?



HA-

HALIL  
PASHA.



I ONLY  
SAID IT'S  
WRONG NOT  
TO ADDRESS  
THE HOLES IN  
THE ISSUE!

WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH  
THAT?!

11 "BAM"





IN THE  
WAR.

I LOST MY  
MOTHER

TWELVE  
YEARS  
AGO,

RUN  
AWAY! THE  
EMPIRE IS  
COMING!

IT'S THE  
EMPIRE!



DON'T LOOK  
AS IF YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO CRY!  
YOU'RE A BIG  
BOY, AREN'T  
YOU?

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
MOM?!

I'LL HIDE  
SOMEWHERE  
ELSE.

MAHMLIT,

OKAY?

PROMISE  
ME YOU'LL  
STAY INSIDE!

I'LL BE  
FINE!

WHERE  
WILL  
YOU  
HIDE?!

DON'T  
GO!

NO!

UNDER-  
STAND?

SIT STILL IN  
THERE UNTIL  
I TELL YOU  
IT'S OKAY. YOU  
MUSTN'T COME  
OUT NO MATTER  
WHAT!









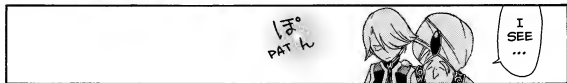
I DON'T  
...

WANT  
ANYONE  
ELSE TO  
EXPERI-  
ENCE  
THAT.



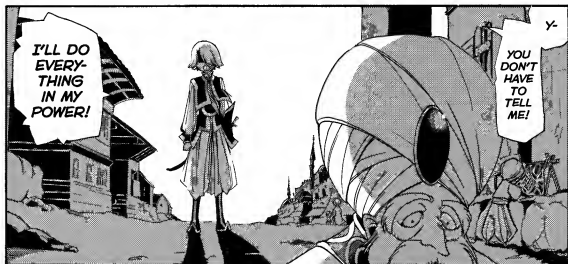
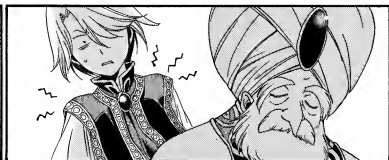
...I'M  
STILL  
POWER-  
LESS.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
I BECAME  
A GENER-  
AL...



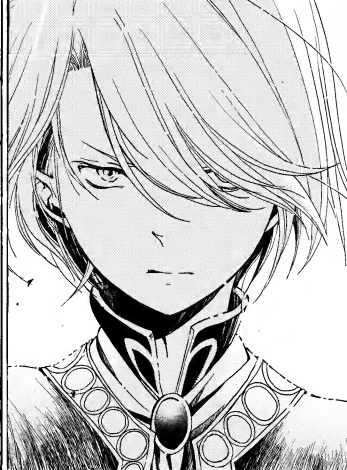
ほ  
PAT ン

I  
SEE  
...





GOOD.



...  
PERHAPS  
I, TOO,

...OUT OF THIS  
STICKY SITUATION.

THAT'S LIKELY  
OUR WAY...

ON THE OTHER HAND,  
IT'S INCREDIBLY  
HARD FOR US TO  
PROVE WE HAVEN'T  
DONE ANYTHING.

THE EMPIRE CAN  
FABRICATE AS MUCH  
EYE-WITNESS  
TESTIMONY AS  
THEY WANT.

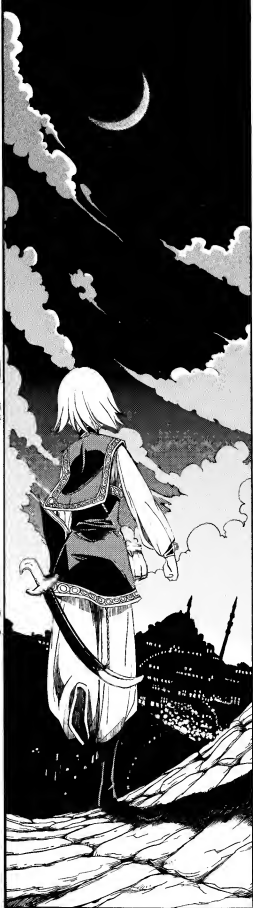
WAS IT  
REALLY OUR  
SOLDIERS...

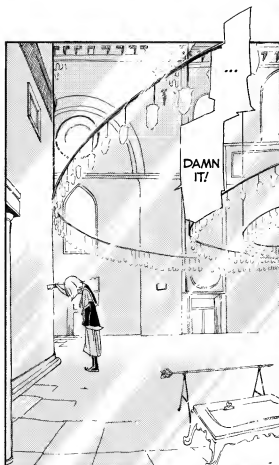
HOWEVER,

IF I CAN JUST FIND  
SOME EVIDENCE THAT  
SUGGESTS IT WASN'T  
TURKISH SOLDIERS...

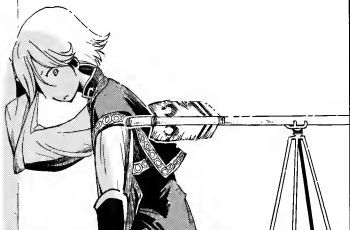
...WHO FIRED  
UPON THE  
MINISTER?!

...WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO SHRUG  
OFF ALL OF  
BALT-RHEIN'S  
DEMANDS!





THESE  
FLETCINGS...



HOWEVER...

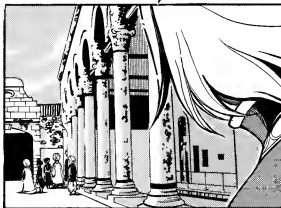
TURKEY TRADITIONALLY USES  
COVERT FEATHERS OF THE  
GOLDEN EAGLE ON ITS ARROWS.

...ARE MADE FROM  
FLIGHT FEATHERS!

...THE FLETCINGS  
ON THIS ARROW...

?!  
?

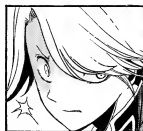
BUT THE USE OF  
FLIGHT FEATHERS IS...





**HALIL  
PASHA...**

**...WENT TO  
BALT-RHEIN?!**



**YOU  
...!**

**YOU  
SENT  
HIM!**

**DON'T  
TELL  
ME...**

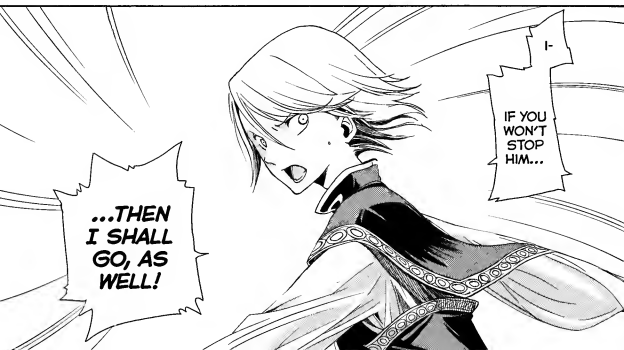
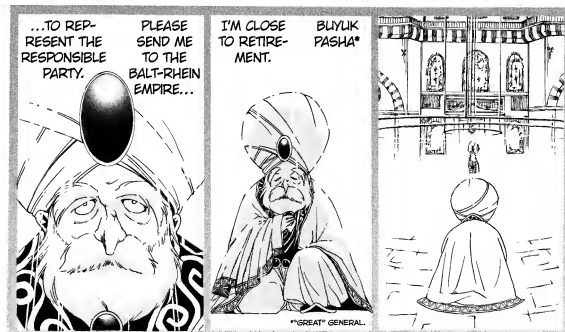
THE EMPIRE  
NEVER HAD ANY  
INTENTION OF  
HEARING OUR  
DEFENSE!

NO...

THIS IS ALL JUST  
A CONSPIRACY TO  
MAKE AN EXCUSE  
TO GO TO WAR.

HOLD YOUR  
TONGUE,  
MAHMUT  
PASHA.

HALIL PASHA  
VOLUNTEERED  
TO GO.





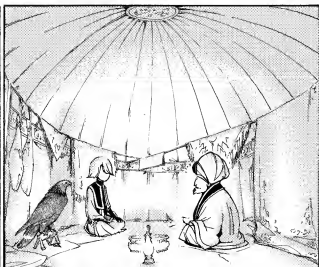


THERE'S  
NO REA-  
SON FOR  
SOMEONE  
OF YOUR  
STATURE  
TO—

HALIL  
PA-  
SHA,

FOR  
TWENTY  
YEARS,

I'VE  
SERVED MY  
COUNTRY  
AS PASHA.



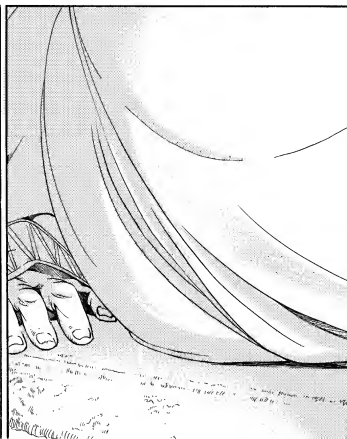
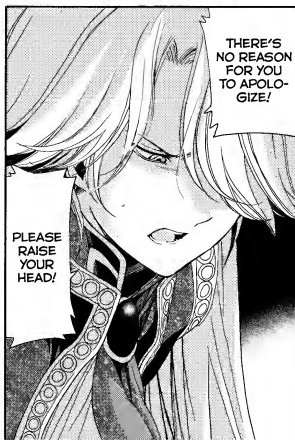
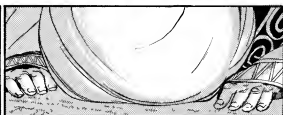
I COULDN'T  
STOP WAR  
FROM  
BREAKING  
OUT.

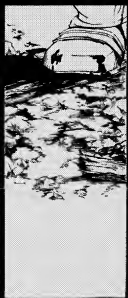
AND  
YET,

I WAS A  
PASHA  
DURING THE  
WAR  
TWELVE  
YEARS  
AGO.

THAT  
ALSO  
MEANS...







I WON'T  
LET THERE  
BE ANY  
MORE WARS.  
I SWEAR IT.



WHAT?!

THE BALT-RHEIN EMPIRE  
ST. MICHAEL CASTLE

I SEE...

TO THINK  
THEY WOULD  
ACTUALLY  
GIVE UP  
THE ONE  
RESPONSIBLE.

THAT  
ENVOY...

AN  
ENVOY  
FROM  
TURKIYE

IS  
HEADED  
THIS  
WAY?

THE BALT-RHEIN  
EMPIRE  
Minister  
Virgilio Louis





THE BALT-RHEIN  
EMPIRE  
Emperor  
Goldbalt XI





...WAR IS  
UNAVOID-  
ABLE,  
THEN.

IT  
WOULD  
SEEM...



YES...

UNFOR-  
TUNATELY  
SO.



SOMEONE  
FROM THE  
EMPIRE  
KILLED THE  
MINISTER  
AND MADE IT  
LOOK LIKE  
TURKIYE'S  
DOING.

MINISTER  
FRANZ'S  
DEATH

WAS JUST  
AN EXCUSE  
TO GO TO WAR  
WITH TURKIYE  
FROM THE  
VERY BEGIN-  
NING!



PLEASE  
RAISE  
YOUR  
HEAD,  
HALIL  
PASHA.

THIS IS  
ALL A PLOT  
BY THE  
EMPIRE!

DOESN'T THAT  
SEEM A LITTLE  
STRANGE?

WE  
SHOULD—

MEANING  
IT'S HIGHLY  
UNLIKELY THE  
EMPIRE WILL  
WELCOME US  
TO NEGOTIATE  
PEACEFULLY.

WAIT.

...WHY NOT  
JUST ATTACK  
INSTEAD  
OF GOING  
THROUGH  
ALL THIS  
TROUBLE?

THE  
DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR  
COUNTRIES'  
STRENGTH IS  
EVIDENT. IF  
THEY WANTED  
WAR...

THAT  
MAKES  
ME  
THINK...

...NOT ALL  
OF THE  
EMPIRE  
WISHES  
FOR WAR.

!



I SEE!  
THEN...



IF WE MANAGE  
TO ARRIVE AT THE  
NEGOTIATION TABLE,  
WE STILL HAVE A  
CHANCE TO AVOID  
GOING TO WAR.

YES.

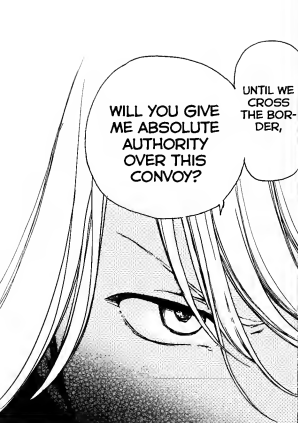


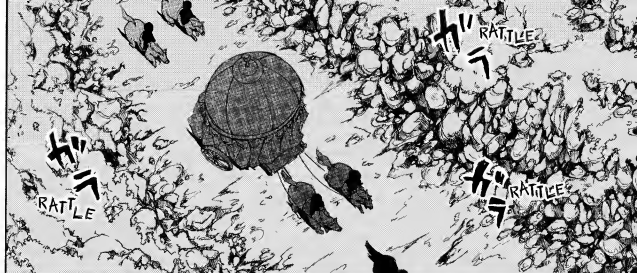
IF THAT HAPPENS,  
YOU'LL...

WHAT IF  
THERE'S NO  
ONE WHO  
DESIRES  
PEACE AT THE  
NEGOTIATION?  
WHAT IF NO ONE  
BELIEVES THE  
SUSPICIONS OF  
A CONSPIRACY?

BUT EVEN SO,  
THERE'S ONLY A  
50-50 CHANCE  
THAT HALIL  
PASHA WILL BE  
SPARED.







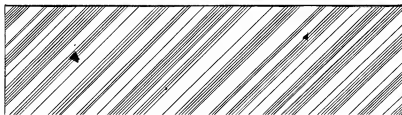
FIRE  
AT  
WILL.



THAT'S  
THE  
CONVOY.

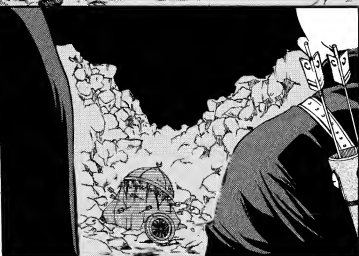


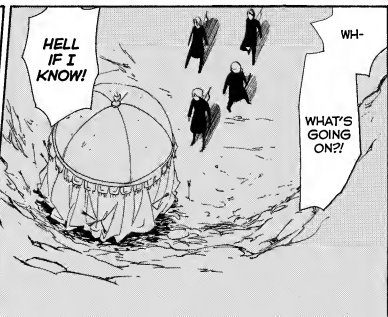
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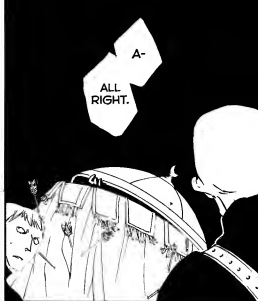














**KILL  
HIM!**

ERK...

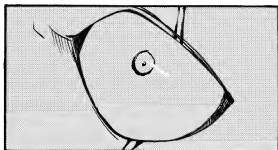
HAH!

AS IF  
WE'LL  
LET  
YOU!

WIF  
WOO  
WOO











GO,

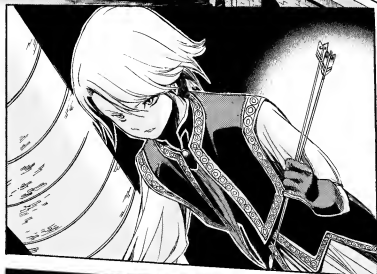
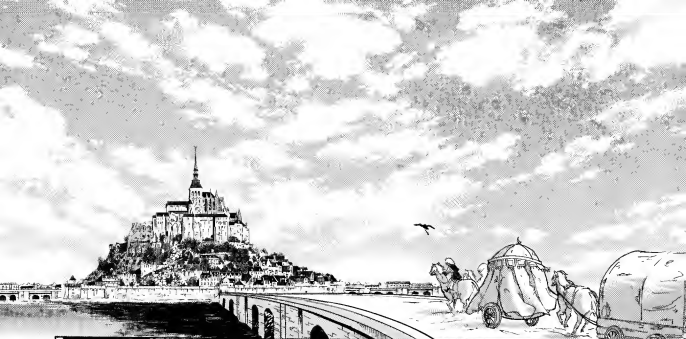
ISKAN-DAR!

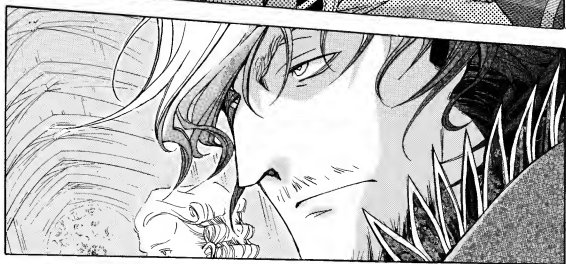
WHA...

...AH...

AH...







Thus war  
between  
the two  
countries  
was avoided.

Emperor  
Goldbalt  
removed  
himself from  
the table after  
saying, "I  
acknowledge  
everything."

That day,  
before the  
Turkive envoy  
even finished  
their expla-  
nation,



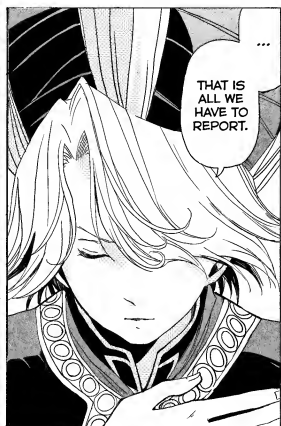
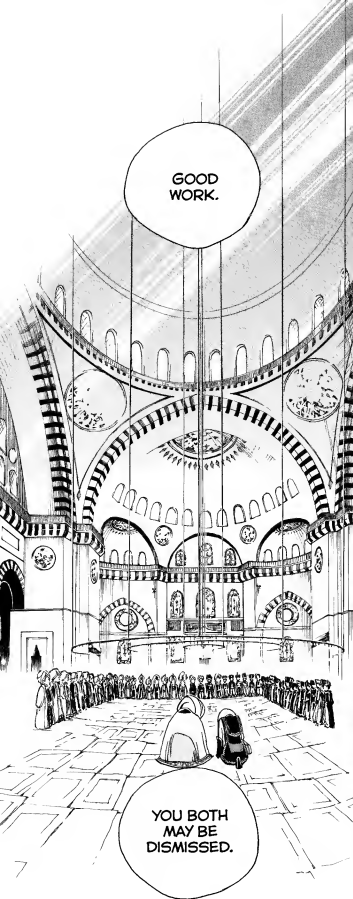
However,  
concern-  
ing the  
death of  
Minister  
Franz,

the spark  
that started  
the fire,

the empire  
made an  
official  
statement  
saying he  
died in an  
unfortunate  
accident.

The truth  
would never  
be made  
public.





...appeared  
to have been  
resolved.

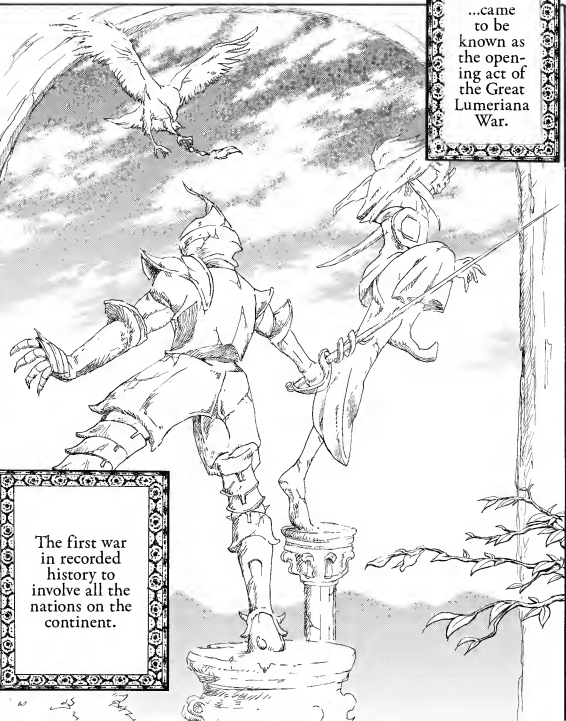
The  
situation...



this  
event...

...came  
to be  
known as  
the open-  
ing act of  
the Great  
Lumeriana  
War.

The first war  
in recorded  
history to  
involve all the  
nations on the  
continent.







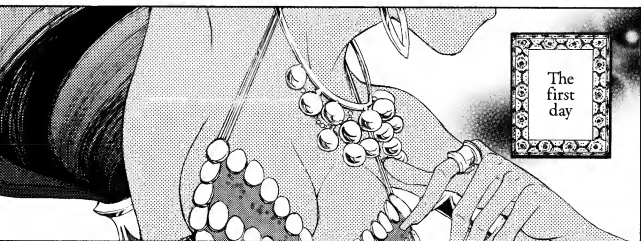
The Baltiç and Rhain Empire

during the  
festival  
known  
as Sheker  
Bayram.

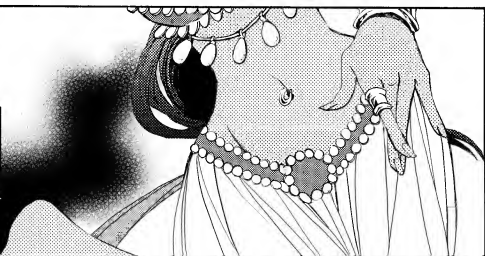
Spring...  
Come the final  
seven days of  
Sheker, people  
in every city  
throughout  
Turkiye can  
be found cele-  
brating day  
and night,



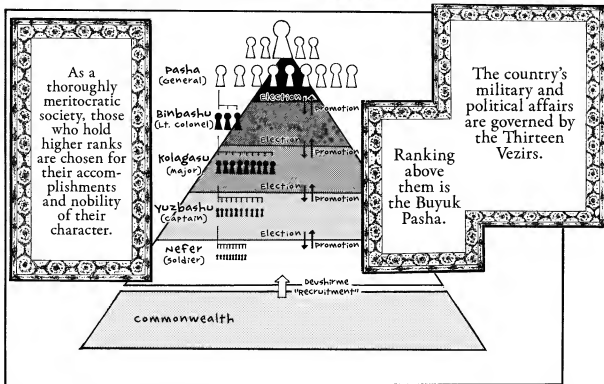
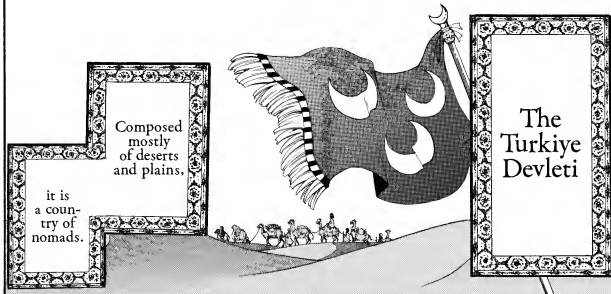
The  
first  
day



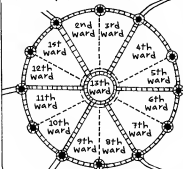
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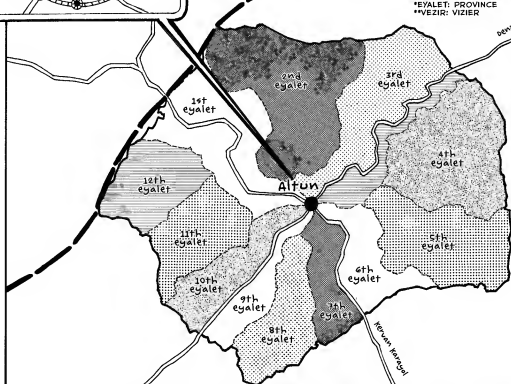


# The Capital of Altun



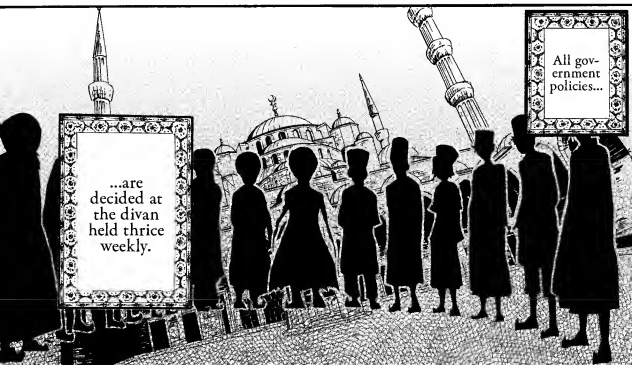
The country is split into thirteen eyalets\*, each governed by a vezir\*\*.

\*EYALET: PROVINCE  
\*\*VEZIR: VIZIER



...are decided at the divan held thrice weekly.

All government policies...



**MAHMUT!**

TUGHRIL MAHMUT PASHA

**"Golden Eagle"  
Mahmut**

I KNEW  
IT WAS  
YOU!

**AH-  
HA!**

SHAPKA IBRAHIM VALI

**İbrahim  
"The Hatted" Vali**

VICEROY OF HISAR, THE 1ST EYALET,  
SUBORDINATE OF ZAGANOS PASHA AND BINBASHU

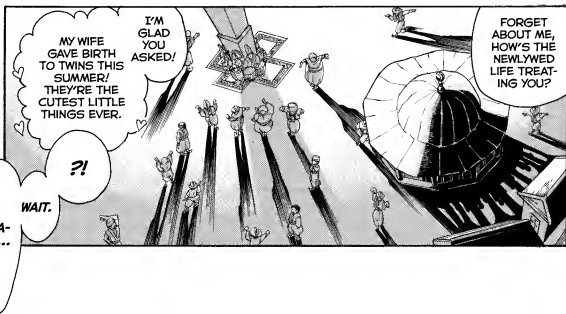
I GUESS  
I SHOULD  
ADDRESS YOU  
WITH RESPECT  
THEN, HUH?

OH...

LONG  
TIME  
NO SEE,  
MAHMUT.

I  
HEARD  
YOU  
MADE  
PASHA.  
WAY TO  
GO.

İBRAHİM!









WE JUST  
HAD A  
SQUABBLE  
WITH THE  
EMPIRE  
RECENTLY.

THE 13TH  
EYALET WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE IN  
CHARGE OF  
SECURITY  
THIS YEAR.

BUT I  
WONDER  
WHAT  
HAP-  
PENED.



IT'S BACK  
TO GUARD-  
ING HIS  
FOR ME  
AFTER I  
RETURN!

There are still  
six days of the  
festival left,  
after all...



I'M SURE  
ZAGANOS  
PASHA  
HAS HIS  
REASONS.



LONG  
TIME  
NO SEE,  
IBRAHIM.

HEY!

ど  
わ  
POMF

I KNOW  
WHO YOU  
ARE, TOO.

SHARA!

WELL,  
I'LL BE  
DAMNED!

NOW SHE'S  
THE MOST  
POPULAR  
DANCER IN  
ALTUN!

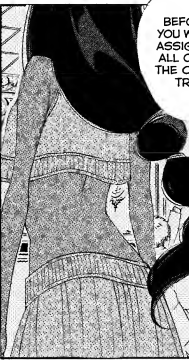
LET  
ME INTRO-  
DUCE YOU,  
MAHMUT.

THIS IS  
SHARA. SHE  
DANCED AT  
A LITTLE INN  
BACK WHEN  
WE FIRST  
ENLISTED.



AND  
JUST SAT  
IN THE  
CORNER  
ALL  
NIGHT.

YOU RE-  
FUSED TO  
DANCE



BEFORE  
YOU WERE  
ASSIGNED  
ALL OVER  
THE COUN-  
TRY.

ON THE  
LAST NIGHT  
YOU SOL-  
DIERS GOT  
TO SPEND  
TOGETHER

YOU ONLY  
CAME TO  
THE INN  
ONCE,



I KNOW.

THESE  
DAYS  
THAT  
MOODY  
SOLDIER  
IS...

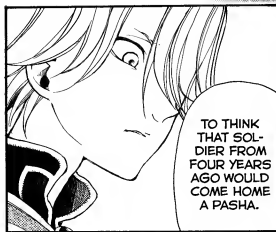
HEY, YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
TEASE HIM  
SO MUCH.

And you were  
feeding your  
bird then, too!

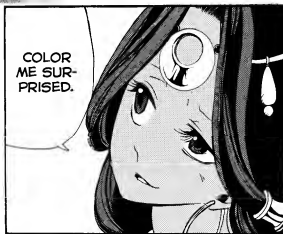
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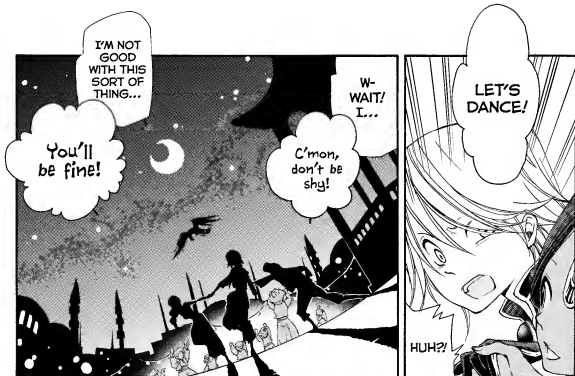
TUGHRIL  
MAHMUT  
PASHA,  
"THE GOLDEN  
EAGLE  
GENERAL."



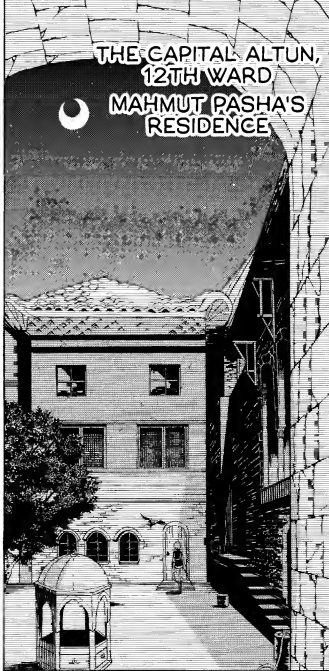
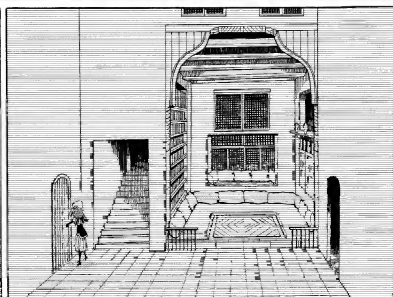
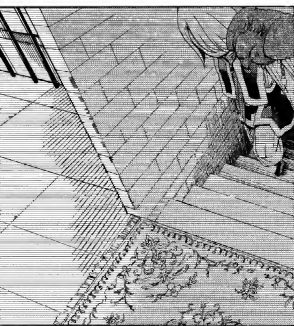
TO THINK  
THAT SOL-  
DIER FROM  
FOUR YEARS  
AGO WOULD  
COME HOME  
A PASHA.

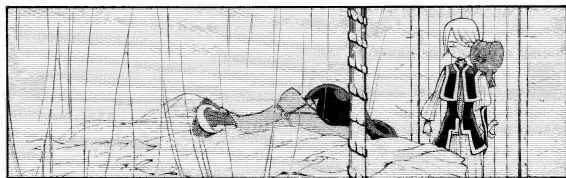


COLOR  
ME SUR-  
PRISED.



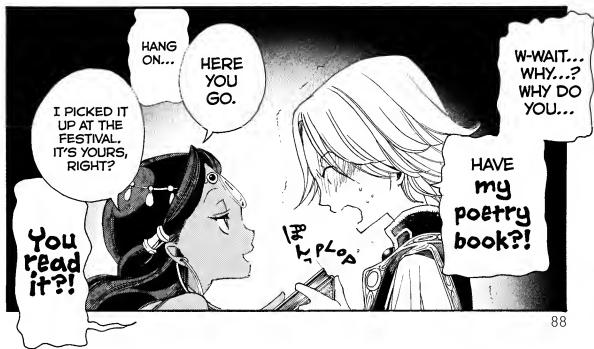




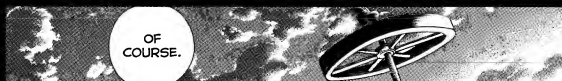
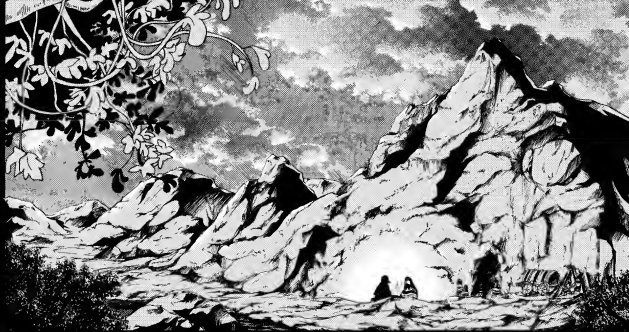












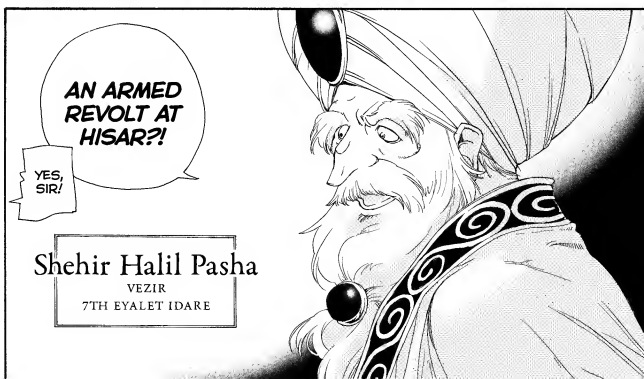


IF YOU  
DO EXACTLY  
AS WE SAY,

THEN I  
PROMISE  
TO GIVE  
YOU THAT  
TOWN.

THE BALT-RHEIN EMPIRE

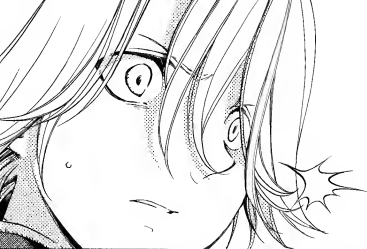
Minister  
Virgilio Louis



**AN ARMED  
REVOLT AT  
HISAR?!**

YES,  
SIR!

**Shehir Halil Pasha**  
VEZİR  
7TH EYALET IDARE



IBRAHIM VALI  
HAS CONSPIRED  
WITH THE ARABA  
AND DECLARED  
INDEPENDENCE!

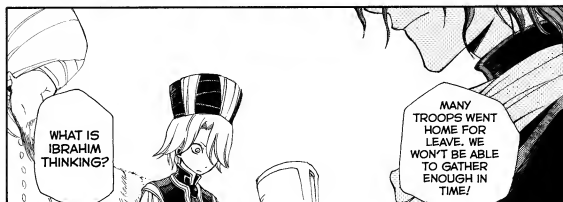
THEY BEGAN TO REVOLT  
AT SUNRISE ON THE FOURTH  
DAY OF SHEKER BAYRAM,  
OCCUPIED THE MUHTASIB'S  
MANSION, AND BANISHED THE  
PROMINENT MERCHANTS  
IN TOWN TO THE OASIS.\*

THE FORCE CONSISTS  
OF A GREAT NUMBER  
OF ARABA CIRCUS  
PERFORMERS WHO  
USED THE FESTIVAL AS  
A MEANS TO ENTER THE  
CITY, AS WELL AS ONE  
THOUSAND MILITIAMEN  
UNDER IBRAHIM VALI'S  
COMMAND.



\*MUHTASIB: A SUPERVISOR OF BAZAARS AND TRADE.











THE REST OF THE PASHA WILL CANCEL THEIR MEN'S VACATION...

VERY WELL, IN THE MEAN-TIME,

...TO PROVIDE REINFORCEMENTS AND GUARDS FOR THE CAPITAL.



THE REST ARE TO ASSEMBLE AT THE CAPITAL IMMEDIATELY.

3RD AND 11TH FORCES WILL HEAD TO HISAR AS THE REAR GUARD.

THE FORCES FROM THE 2ND AND 12TH EYALET WILL HEAD TO THE BORDER.



I WILL TAKE THE TROOPS...

...AND IMMEDIATELY MAKE FOR HISAR.

WE WILL SUPPRESS THE REBELLION AND TAKE BACK THE CITY.



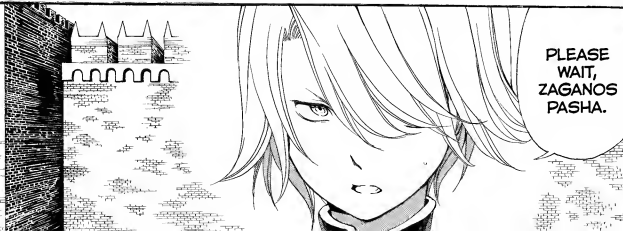
FORTU-NATELY,

THE FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS FROM THE 1ST EYALET IN CHARGE OF SECURITY FOR SHEKER BAYRAM...

...ARE ALREADY ARMED AND READY IN THE CAPITAL.



THE CAPITAL ALTUN, 1ST WARD.  
OUTSIDE THE IMPERATORLUGA KAPU  
(IMPERIAL GATE)

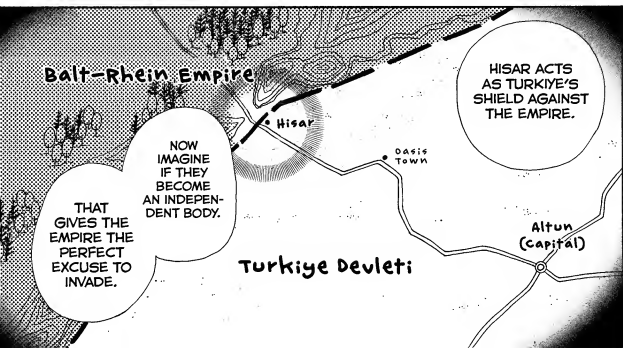
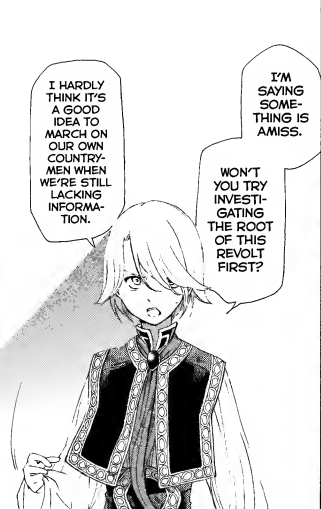




...WOULD  
START A  
REBEL-  
LION.

IT'S  
UNTHINK-  
ABLE THAT  
IBRAHIM  
VALI...







THERE HAS TO BE

MORE TO THIS THAN WHAT WE'RE SEEING!

IBRAHIM IS NOT THE KIND OF MAN WHO WOULD START A REBELLION!

AS THE ONE WHO MADE HIM VALI, YOU KNOW THAT AS WELL AS I DO!



WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO NOTHING BUT WATCH AS THE IMPERIAL ARMY MARCHES ON THE CAPITAL.

AND IF THAT HAPPENS,



WE MUST TAKE BACK HISAR AT ONCE.

THERE'S NO TIME TO SPARE.



...THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE...





THIS SHOULD  
MAKE HALIL  
PASHA AND THE  
OTHER PACIFIST  
FOOLS OPEN  
THEIR EYES.

THEY HAVE  
TO KNOW.

THAT CAN  
MAKE EVEN A  
VIRTUOUS MAN  
LIKE IBRAHIM  
VALI START  
AN ARMED  
REBELLION.

THEY'LL REALIZE  
THAT THERE  
ARE POWERS IN  
THIS WORLD

...?!

WHOOOSH

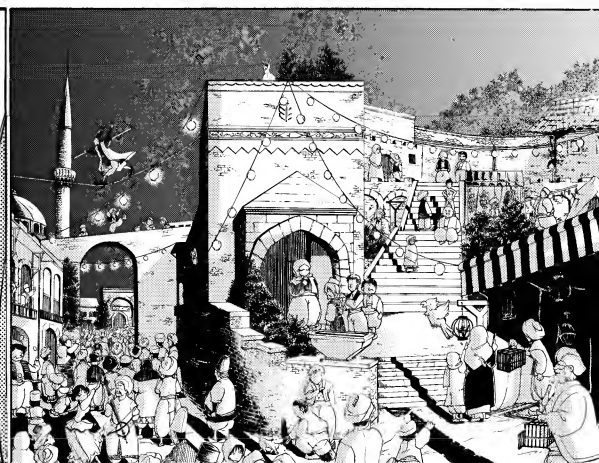
ZAGANOS PASHA...

DON'T TELL ME...

...THAT HISAR WAS  
GOING TO REVOLT?!

DID YOU KNOW...



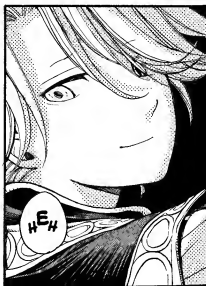
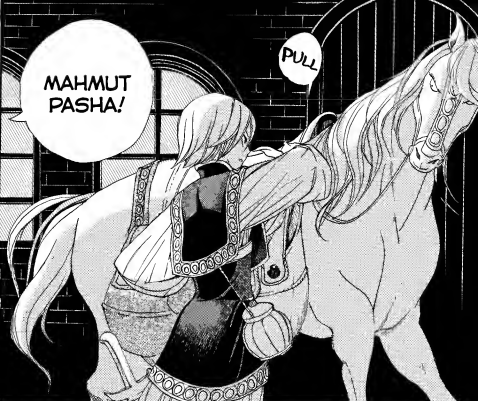




I HAVE A  
MESSAGE  
FROM HALIL  
PASHA.

MAHMUT  
PASHA!

PULL



AHEM  
...PARDON  
ME.



MY  
APOL-  
OGIES.  
THERE'S  
MORE...

AH!

WAIT!



GOOD  
WORK.  
GIVE  
HALIL  
PASHA  
MY  
THANKS.



...!

"P.S.,

DO EVERY-  
THING YOU  
CAN."

"UNDER-  
STOOD."

Y-YES,  
SIR!

TELL  
HALIL  
PASHA  
THIS,

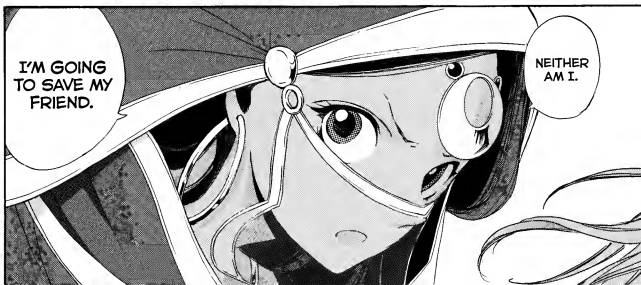


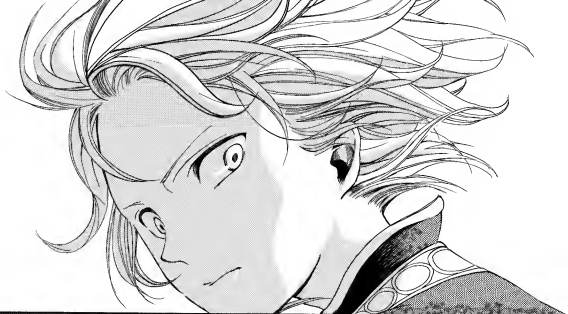
LET'S  
GO,

ISKAN-  
DAR!



GO HOME!  
I'M NOT  
PLAYING  
AROUND  
HERE!





SUIT  
YOUR-  
SELF.



Araba



WHO'RE  
YOU?

SORRY  
FOR CALLING  
YOU A BRAT  
EARLIER.

I'M  
IBRAHIM  
OF HISAR.



MAHMLIT  
OF THE  
TUGHRIL  
CLAN.





I WANT TO BE A PASHA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.





WARS ARE BEING FOUGHT IN PLACES BEYOND MY REACH.



I DIDN'T WANT TO JUST SIT BY...



...AS THE PEOPLE I HOLD DEAR WERE TAKEN FROM ME.





WE'LL  
SURROUND  
THE BLACK  
TEAM'S CAP-  
TAIN FROM  
THREE DIRE-  
CTIONS!

ALI AND  
ISAAC TAKE  
THE LEFT,  
BORA AND  
ORHAN TAKE  
THE RIGHT!

I'LL  
TAKE THE  
FRONT!

I WANT TO BECOME PASHA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



HEY!

THINK  
CAREFULLY  
BEFORE YOU  
ATTACK!

OKAY?!  
LET'S NOT  
REPEAT  
THE LAST  
TIME!

IF WE ALL ACT  
ALONE, WE'LL  
SQUANDER  
OUR CHANCE  
AT VICTORY!



DON'T THINK THAT  
YOUR WAY IS THE  
ONLY PATH TO  
VICTORY!

WE HAVE  
OUR OWN  
IDEAS, TOO,  
Y'KNOW!



WHA?!

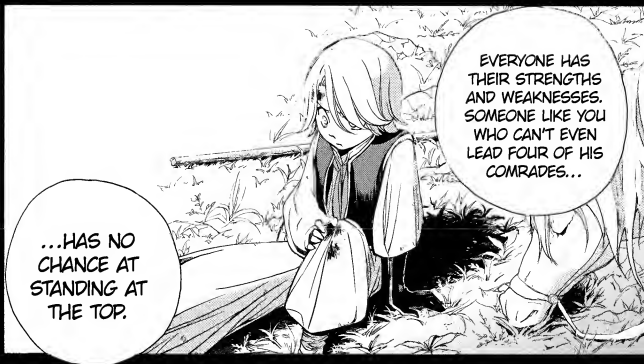
BUT THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN ARE THE TALENTED FEW.



YOU'LL BE IN  
CHARGE OF  
THOUSANDS  
OF TROOPS.

IF YOU  
BECOME  
PASHA, FOR-  
GET ABOUT  
A FOUR-MAN  
UNIT.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



...HAS NO  
CHANCE AT  
STANDING AT  
THE TOP.

EVERYONE HAS  
THEIR STRENGTHS  
AND WEAKNESSES.  
SOMEONE LIKE YOU  
WHO CAN'T EVEN  
LEAD FOUR OF HIS  
COMRADES...

I COULD FEEL MYSELF BUCKLING UNDER THE PRESSURE AND STRESS.





NAH. THAT'S  
GOT NOTHIN'  
TO DO WITH IT.



I WOULDN'T  
WANT THE NEW VALI  
OF HISAR TO BE  
SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T  
HAVE THE DRIVE TO  
WORK THEIR HARDEST  
FOR THE POSITION  
THEY WANTED  
SO MUCH.

PUTTING  
ASIDE WHETHER  
YOU'RE CUT  
OUT FOR IT  
OR NOT...

For me,  
anyway.



THE SAME  
GOES FOR  
THE PASHA,  
RIGHT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU?

IBRAHIM...



THIS  
IS OUR  
LAST  
NIGHT  
TOGETH-  
ER.

TOMORROW  
WE'LL ALL BE  
GOING OUR  
SEPARATE  
WAYS.

IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID THAT DAY...



AW, C'MON.  
DRINK WITH  
US FOR  
ONCE.

...THAT I'M...



AW,  
RELAX.

YOU  
WANNA  
DRINK,  
TOO,  
don't you,  
Iskandar?

DON'T  
LET HIM  
DRINK  
THAT, YOU  
IDIOT!

WHAT?!  
YOU...!

...STANDING HERE AS PASHA TODAY.



WHAT HAPPENED,  
IBRAHIM?

YOU'RE NOT THE KIND OF  
PERSON WHO WOULD PUT  
YOUR OWN HOME TOWN  
IN DANGER ON PURPOSE.



...?

ACTUALLY,  
I HAVE A  
SUGGESTION  
FOR THAT.

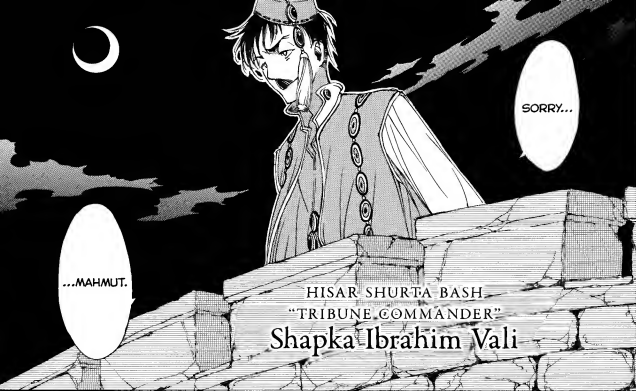


THE  
QUESTION  
IS...



HOW DO  
WE GET  
INSIDE,  
RIGHT?

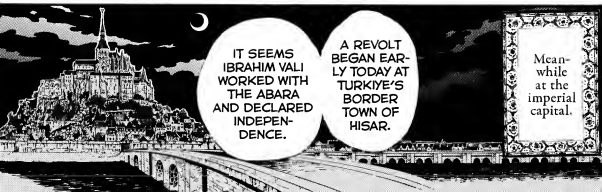
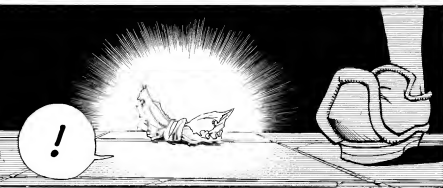




...MAHMUT.

HISAR SHURTA BASH  
"TRIBUNE COMMANDER"

Shapka Ibrahim Vali



IT SEEMS  
IBRAHIM VALI  
WORKED WITH  
THE ABARA  
AND DECLARED  
INDEPENDENCE.

A REVOLT  
BEGAN EARLY  
TODAY AT  
TURKIYE'S  
BORDER  
TOWN OF  
HISAR.

Mean-  
while  
at the  
imperial  
capital.

BALT-RHEIN  
IMPERIAL MINISTER  
Virgilio-Louis

...BUT WE  
CAN ALSO  
ESSENTIALLY  
MAKE HISAR  
IMPERIAL  
TERRITORY.

NOT ONLY  
WILL THE  
EMPIRE GAIN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SUPPORT...

IF WE  
APPEAR  
TO MAKE  
AN EFFORT,

I SUG-  
GEST WE  
DEPLOY  
OUR  
TROOPS

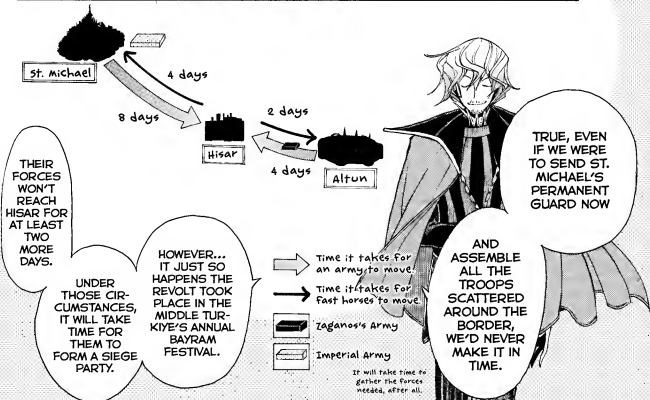
AND STA-  
TION THEM  
AROUND THE  
CITY UNDER  
THE PRETEXT  
OF SAFE-  
GUARDING  
THE ARABA  
IMMEDIATELY.

HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY  
Goldbalt XI



THEY WON'T  
SIT BY AND  
WAIT FOR OUR  
FORCES TO  
ARRIVE.

TURKIYE  
ISN'T RUN  
BY FOOLS.





...AN  
ARMY  
LED BY  
DUCHESS  
LELE-  
DERIK

Balt-Rhein Empire  
Ellbaldes Mountains

Army of  
Duchess  
Lelederik  
Ellbaldes

Hisar

COMPRISED OF  
10,000 TROOPS  
HAS BEEN TRAINING  
IN THE MOUNTAINS  
A MERE DAY'S MARCH  
FROM HISAR.

IT JUST SO  
HAPPENS  
THAT SINCE  
YESTERDAY...

FURTHER-  
MORE,



IT  
WOULD  
SEEM...

QUITE A FEW  
CONVENIENT  
COINCIDENCES  
HAVE PILED  
UP IN THE  
EMPIRE'S  
FAVOR.

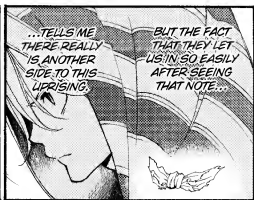
I WOULD LIKE  
TO ASK YOUR  
HIGHNESS'S  
PERMISSION TO  
LIGHT THE SIG-  
NAL FIRE COME  
MORNING.



...THIS IS  
ALL DUE TO  
OUR FOUNDER,  
ST. MICHAEL'S,  
DIVINE PRO-  
TECTION.



I'M  
SURE...





I'LL KILL  
EVERY LAST  
ONE OF YOU,  
DO YOU HEAR  
ME?!



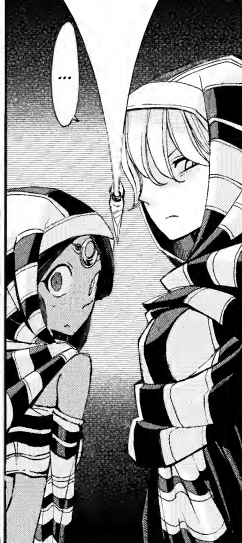
ENOUGH!



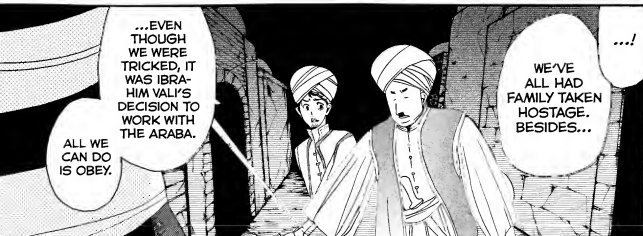
I  
SWEAR  
...

IF SOME-  
THING HAP-  
PENS TO MY  
MOTHER OR  
SISTER,

TAKING  
HOSTAGES...  
HOW DIRTY  
CAN YOU  
PEOPLE  
BE?



...



...EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE WERE  
TRICKED,  
IT WAS IBRA-  
HIM VALI'S  
DECISION TO  
WORK WITH  
THE ARABA.

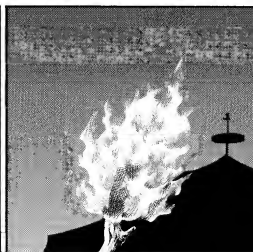
ALL WE  
CAN DO  
IS OBEY.

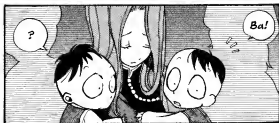
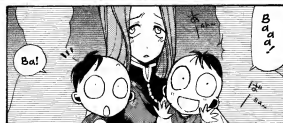
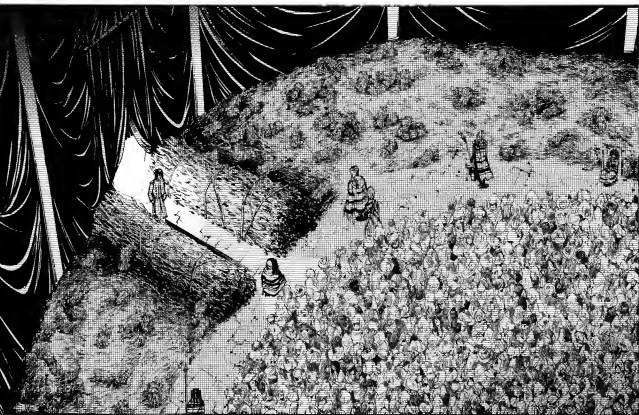
...!  
WE'VE  
ALL HAD  
FAMILY TAKEN  
HOSTAGE.  
BESIDES...

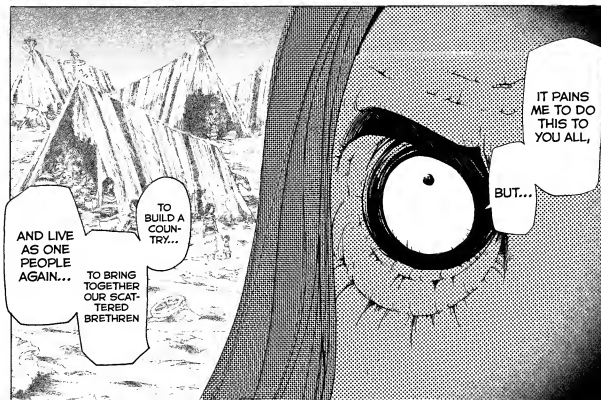


YOUR  
FRIENDS  
ARE IN  
THE PLAZA  
JUST UP  
AHEAD.

GET  
MOVING.



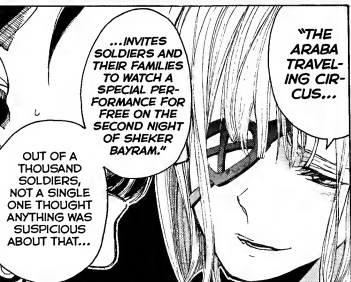








...IS THE  
ARABA CLAN'S  
CENTURY-LONG  
DREAM.



...INVITES  
SOLDIERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES  
TO WATCH A  
SPECIAL PER-  
FORMANCE FOR  
FREE ON THE  
SECOND NIGHT  
OF SHEKER  
BAYRAM."

"THE  
ARABA  
TRAVEL-  
ING CIR-  
CUS..."

OUT OF A  
THOUSAND  
SOLDIERS,  
NOT A SINGLE  
ONE THOUGHT  
ANYTHING WAS  
SUSPICIOUS  
ABOUT THAT...



WHAT A  
CAREFREE  
BUNCH.

FU-FU,  
OH, YOU  
TURKS...



...AND HAD  
THEIR FAMILIES  
TAKEN HOSTAGE  
SO EASILY.



YOU WERE  
OFF ENJOY-  
ING THE  
FESTIVITIES.

WHILE A  
SUSPICIOUS  
BUNCH WAS  
MOVING IN  
AND OUT OF  
THE CITY,

EVEN  
THE VALI  
DIDN'T  
SUSPECT  
A THING.



IT MUST BE  
NICE TO HAVE  
A PEACEFUL  
UPBRINGING.



EVERYONE'S  
FAMILIES  
ARE BEING  
HELD IN  
THAT TENT,  
RIGHT?

I  
SEE.



OIL...?

HUH?

THIS  
SMELL  
...



WHAT?!  
THE ARABA  
AREN'T THAT  
CRUEL!

AND  
THE  
ENTIRE  
THING  
WILL GO  
UP IN  
FLAMES.

JUST  
ONE  
SPARK,

IS COM-  
PLETELY  
SOAKED  
WITH OIL.

I'M  
WILLING  
TO BET  
THAT TENT

?!



AT ANY  
RATE,  
WE NEED  
TO GET  
CLOSER.

THEY'LL REALIZE THERE  
ARE POWERS IN THIS  
WORLD THAT CAN MAKE  
EVEN A VIRTUOUS MAN  
LIKE IBRAHIM START AN  
ARMED REBELLION.



HEY!  
WE'VE GOT  
TROUBLE!



TWO  
THOUSAND  
ZIRA TO THE  
SOUTHEAST,

AN ARMY  
LED BY  
ZAGANOS  
PASHA OF  
TURKIYE...

...IS  
QUICKLY  
APPROACH-  
ING THE  
CITY!

ZIRA: ONE ZIRA IS ~2.25 FEET, SO APPROXIMATELY 4500 FEET OR A LITTLE UNDER A MILE AWAY.



...?!

I THOUGHT  
THERE WAS  
TO BE NO  
FIGHTING!



TH-THIS  
ISN'T  
WHAT WE  
AGREED  
ON!

WHAT?!





...WE WON'T LET  
THE ZAGANOS  
ARMY STEP ONE  
FOOT INTO THE  
CITADEL.

ALL RIGHT.  
UNTIL THE  
IMPERIAL  
FORCES GET  
HERE...



IN  
RETURN,



**PROMISE  
ME THAT...**

**...YOU'LL  
SEE THE  
HOSTAGES  
OUT OF  
THE CITY  
SAFELY.**



**...?!**



**LOOKS  
GOOD  
ON YOU.**







ALL UNITS,  
READY YOUR  
BOWS WHEN  
THE MORNING  
STAR RISES!

WAIT UNTIL  
THEY'RE 100  
ZIRA AWAY  
THEN FIRE  
AT ONCE!

THEY'LL  
COME AT  
US AT FULL  
FORCE ONCE  
THE SIEGE  
WEAPONS ARE  
SET UP!



WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
ABOUT?

DOES  
IBRAHIM  
WANT TO  
DIE?!



...BUT WITH ONLY ONE  
THOUSAND MEN UNDER  
IBRAHIM'S COMMAND,  
THE CITY WILL FALL IN  
LESS THAN A DAY.

TAKE THE ONLY  
ARMED SHIRAZI  
REMAINING AT  
HEAR...

...AND STAGE AN  
ARMED REVOLT.

WHOEVER  
PLANNED THIS IS  
VERY CUNNING...

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TALK  
ABOUT  
UN-  
MATCHED.

WE DON'T  
STAND EVEN  
A ONE IN TEN  
THOUSAND  
CHANCE OF  
WINNING.

AN ARMY  
OF 4,000  
REGULAR  
SOLDIERS  
COMMANDED  
BY ZAGHROS  
PASHA...



I  
WON'T  
...

...LET  
THAT  
HAPPEN!



**THE REAL  
ISSUE...**

...IS THE IMPERIAL  
ARMY WHO WILL  
UNDOUBTEDLY USE  
THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO INTERVENE.

...I CAN ONLY ASSUME  
THE EMPIRE MEANS  
TO ENTER THE CITADEL  
UNDER THE GUISE OF  
PROTECTING ITS SERFS.

THE ARABA ARE A  
CLAN THAT MOSTLY  
LIVE IN THE EMPIRE.

FOR EVEN A PORTION OF  
THAT CLAN TO DECLARE  
INDEPENDENCE INSIDE  
HISAR...

Araba clan  
dispersion map.

**THE IMPERIAL ARMY  
MUST REACH HISAR  
BEFORE TURKIYE  
AT ANY COST.**

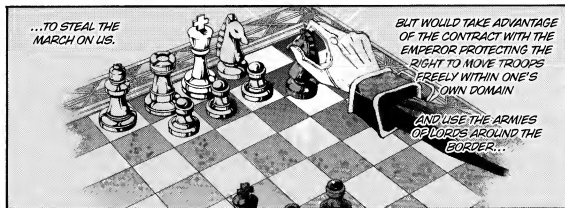
HEY,  
BOY.

I'm bored...

JOIN ME  
FOR A  
GAME OF  
CHESS,  
WON'T  
YOU?

**AND  
FOR THAT  
PURPOSE**

SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE  
A PLAN THIS ELABORATE



HOWEVER...

check  
mate

THOSE FOOLS AT THE DIVAN  
NEED A STRONG DOSE OF  
MEDICINE IN ORDER TO  
OPEN THEIR EYES.

IBRAHIM VALI, YOU  
AND YOUR MEN WILL DIE  
FOR YOUR COUNTRY!

ENGINEERS,  
YOU HAVE  
UNTIL THEN TO  
CONSTRUCT  
THE SIEGE  
TOWER!

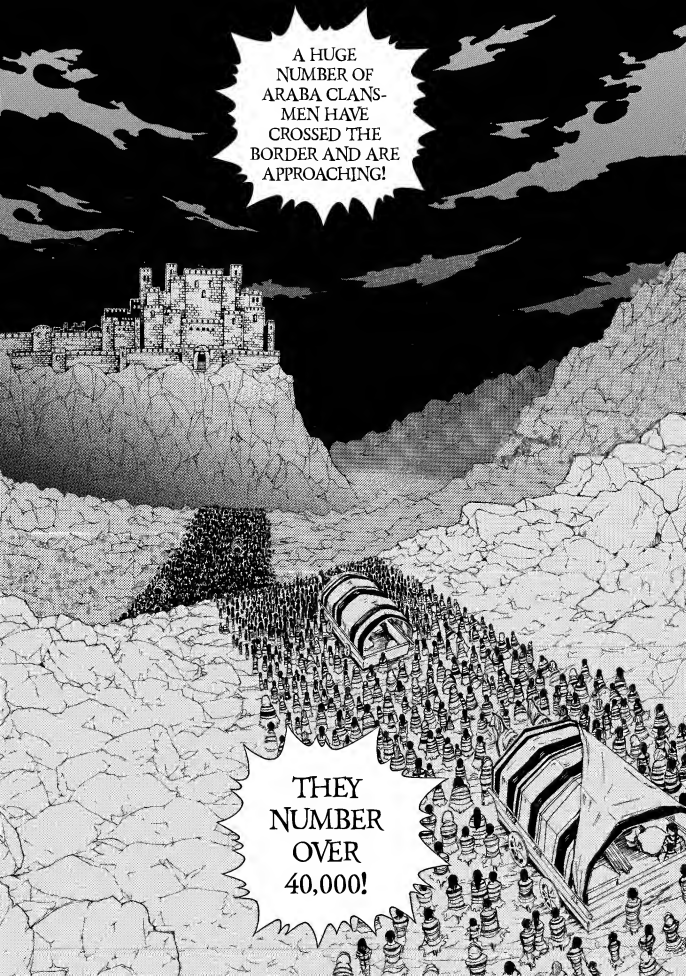
HISAR  
WILL FALL  
BEFORE  
THE SUN  
SETS!

MAKE WAY!  
ORDERLY!  
ORDERLY!

SIEGE  
TROOPS WILL  
TAKE BREAKS  
ON ROTATION  
UNTIL DAWN!

...NOT A  
SINGLE  
IMPERIAL  
SOLDIER HAS  
ARRIVED YET!

A VALIANT  
EFFORT, BUT  
VICTORY IS  
MINE!



A HUGE  
NUMBER OF  
ARABA CLANS-  
MEN HAVE  
CROSSED THE  
BORDER AND ARE  
APPROACHING!

THEY  
NUMBER  
OVER  
40,000!



PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO MARCH ON HISAR!

**HURRY!**

ALERT DUCHESS LELEDERIK BEFORE DAWN!

BALT-RHEIN EMPIRE  
ST. MICHAEL'S CASTLE, BEACON



MINISTER LOUIS!

**BAM**



LADY  
LELEDERIK  
HAS RISEN  
AN IVORY  
BEACON!

THE TURKIYE  
ARMY HAS  
ARRIVED AT  
HISAR!



HMPH.

LOUIS IS  
STILL FAR  
TOO SOFT.

IT SEEMS  
WE ARE  
TOO LATE,  
MILADY.

DUCHESS OF ELBALDES  
(BALI-RHEIN EMPIRE)  
*Lelederik*

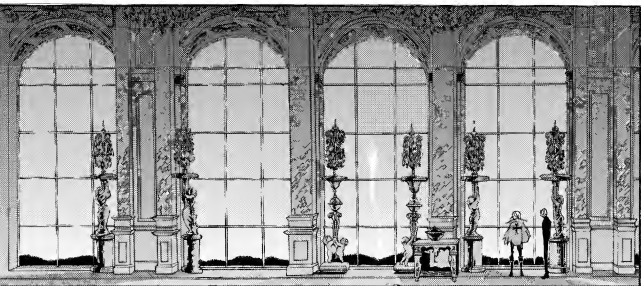


ALL RIGHT!  
QUENCH THE  
BEACON AND  
WAIT FOR THE  
MINISTER'S  
ORDERS!



WHY DON'T  
WE JUST KILL  
HIM AND GET  
ON WITH THE  
FIGHTING?

A  
TEMPTING  
IDEA.







THE RACE TO REACH  
HISAR FIRST.

OF THAT, I AM  
CERTAINLY THE  
WINNER.



BUT TO  
WHAT END?

# GRIP  
7



40,000 ARABA  
CLANSMEN  
ARE HEADED  
THIS WAY?

WHY DIDN'T  
I SEE THIS  
COMING?!

THE CITY-STATE OF HISAR,  
FORMERLY OF TURKIYE

...THE ATTACK WOULD  
HAVE BEGUN BY NOW.

IF THAT  
WEREN'T  
THE CASE...

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
HALTED  
ZAGANOS  
PASHA'S  
ADVANCE.

I  
SEE  
...

NOW THAT I  
THINK ABOUT IT...

THEN  
AGAIN,

IF EVERYTHING  
GOES WELL,  
THEN THE  
HOSTAGES  
WILL...

WOULDN'T EVERY-  
THING BE SOLVED IF  
I OPEN THE GATES  
AND LET HIS ARMY  
IN NOW?

...ZAGNOS PASHA'S  
PRESENCE HERE ALONE  
MUST COME AS A  
SURPRISE TO THE EMPIRE.



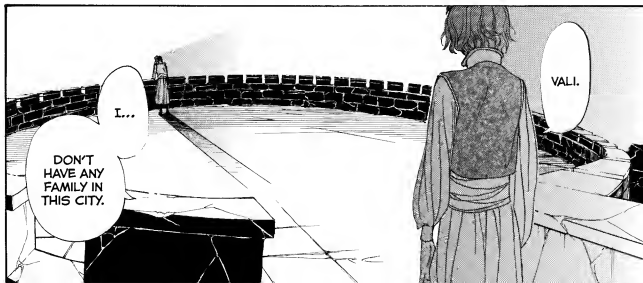
...I COULD  
MAKE THAT  
GAMBLE.

THERE'S  
NO WAY...



RIGHT NOW, ALL  
I CARE ABOUT...  
...IS SEEING MY  
FAMILY LIVE.

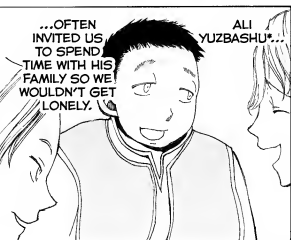
I DON'T CARE IF MY  
REPUTATION GETS  
DRAGGED THROUGH  
THE MUD.



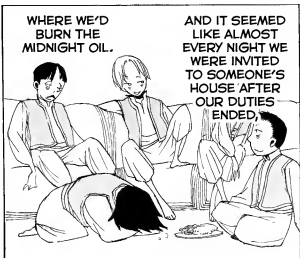
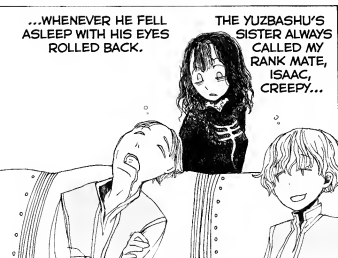
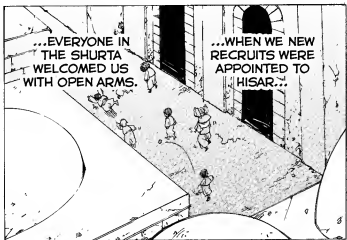
DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
FAMILY IN  
THIS CITY.

I...

VALI.



\*CAPTAIN



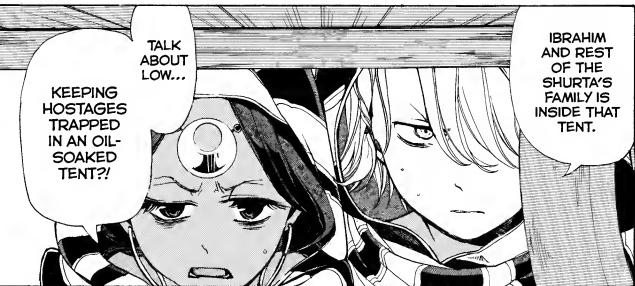


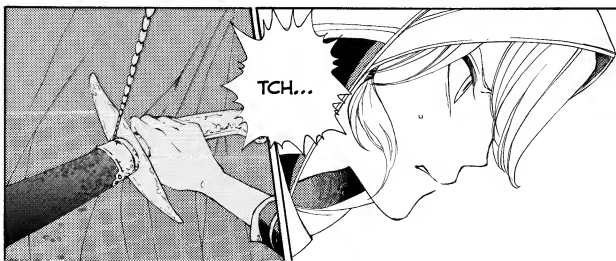
...TO THROW  
THEIR LIVES  
AWAY.

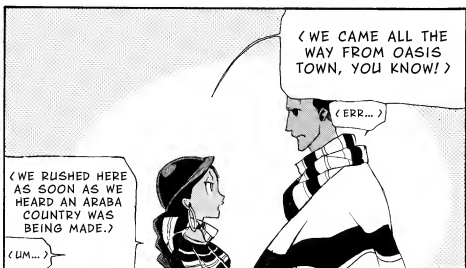


...I'M NOT  
CUT OUT  
TO BE VALI,  
AFTER ALL.

MAHMLUT...  
I GUESS...











「WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW COUNTRY!

「I'M DOLA!」

「MY NAME'S  
KUULA!」

「THEY CAME FROM  
OASIS TOWN?」

「REALLY?!」



「TO BE HONEST,  
WE STILL CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT,  
EITHER!」

「THE IMPERIAL  
MINISTER WAS  
THE ONE WHO  
CAME UP WITH  
THE IDEA.」

「HE SAID  
THE ARABA  
SHOULD ALL  
LIVE TO-  
GETHER.」

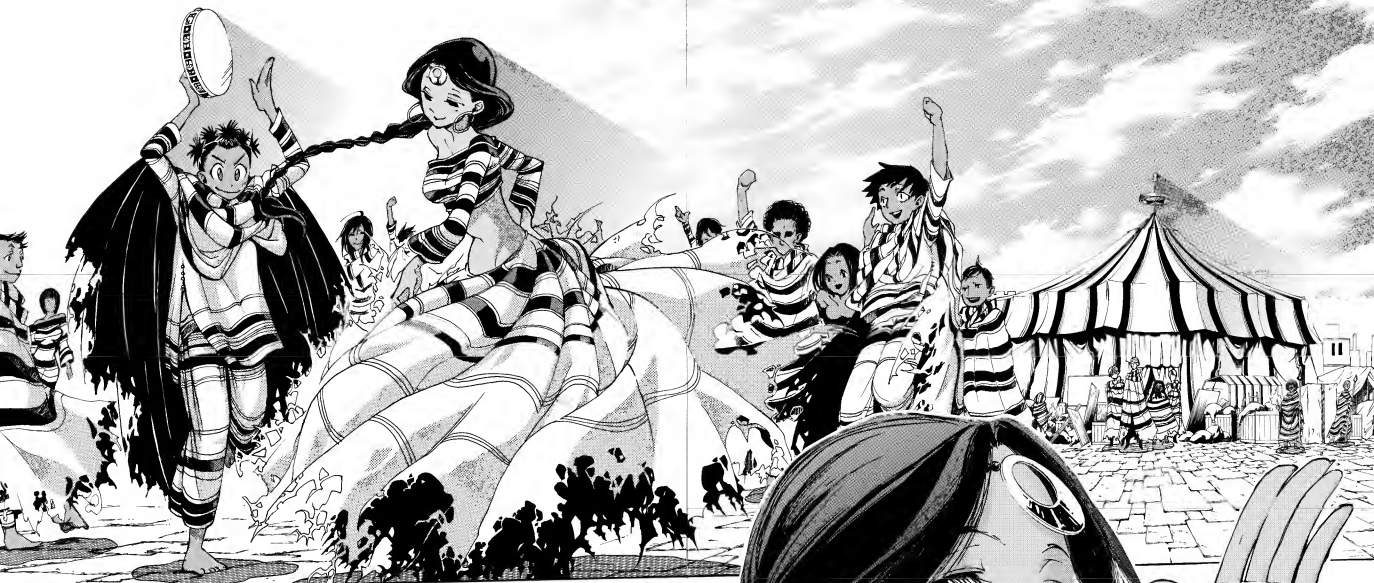


「TO THINK THIS DAY  
WOULD EVER COME...  
IT'S LIKE A DREAM  
COME TRUE!」

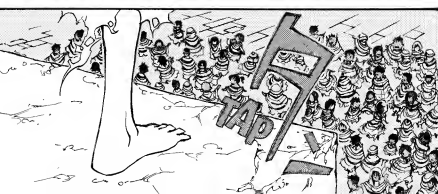
「HOW IN THE  
WORLD COULD  
SUCH A MIRACLE  
HAPPEN?!」

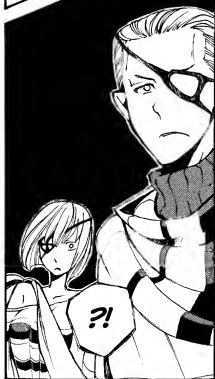


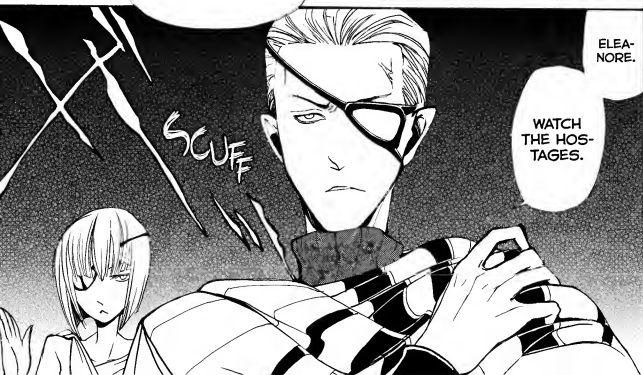
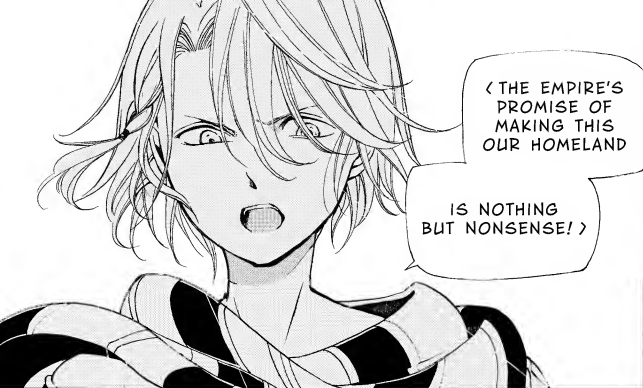




HOW UNSUSPECTING CAN THOSE FOOLS BE?













DID IT NEVER  
CROSS  
YOUR  
MIND...



YOU'VE  
NOWHERE  
LEFT TO  
RUN.



...THAT CAN MAKE EVEN  
A VIRTUOUS MAN LIKE  
IBRAHIM VALI START  
AN ARMED REVOLT.

THEY NEED TO REALIZE  
THAT THERE ARE POWERS  
IN THIS WORLD...





YOU  
HAVE  
SOME  
NERVE

ENTRAPPING  
IBRAHIM LIKE  
THIS.



WHO  
ARE  
YOU?



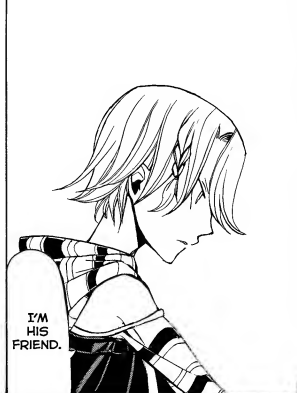
A  
SHAM-  
SHIR...

I SEE.  
YOU'RE A  
TURKIYE  
SOLDIER.



IS  
MINISTER  
LOUIS...

BEHIND  
THIS PLOT,  
AS WELL?



I'M  
HIS  
FRIEND.



AM I  
RIGHT?

JUDGING  
BY YOUR  
WORDS,

I ASSUME  
YOU'RE AN  
ALLY OF  
IBRAHIM  
VALI WHO'S  
COME TO  
SAVE HIM.



HE IS  
NOT  
FIT TO  
LEAD.

HE PRIOR-  
ITIZED HIS  
FEELINGS  
OVER HIS  
DUTIES.

DESPITE  
HOLDING THE  
POSITION  
OF VALI,

I SHOULD  
INFORM YOU  
THAT THAT MAN  
IS NOT WORTH  
SAVING.



...MAKES  
YOU A FAIL-  
URE OF A  
SOLDIER.

AND  
FOR YOU

TO TRY TO  
SAVE A MAN  
LIKE THAT...



DASH



### *THE SHAMSHIR*

A CURVED BLADE  
SPECIALIZED FOR  
CUTTING IN ONE  
CLEAN SWOOP.

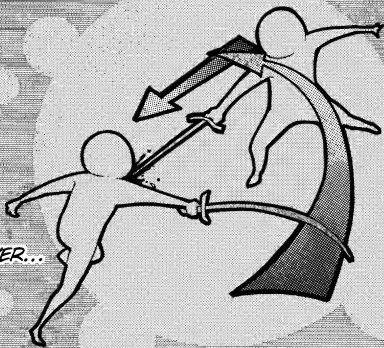
### *THE ESTOC*

A STRAIGHT SWORD  
WITH A NEEDLE POINT  
SPECIALIZED FOR  
THRUSTING.



MATCHED UP,  
THE ESTOC HAS  
THE ADVANTAGE  
OF REACHING  
ITS OPPONENT  
AT SHORTER  
DISTANCES  
FASTER.

HOWEVER...



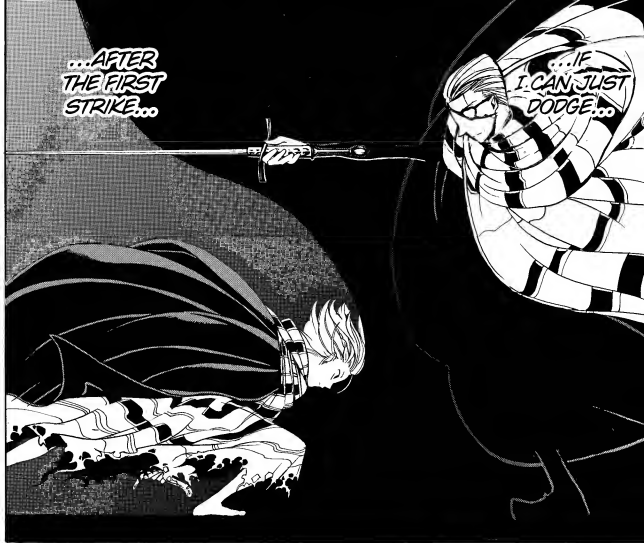
ASIDE FROM THE TIP,  
THE ESTOC HAS NO EDGE.



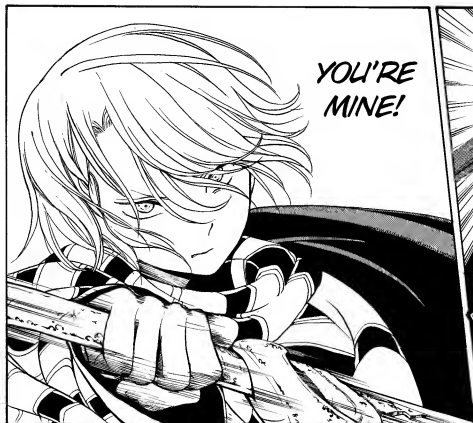
THEREFORE...

...AFTER  
THE FIRST  
STRIKE...

...IF  
I CAN JUST  
DODGE...

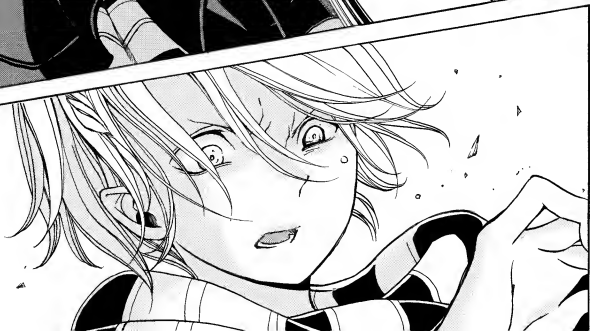


YOU'RE  
MINE!



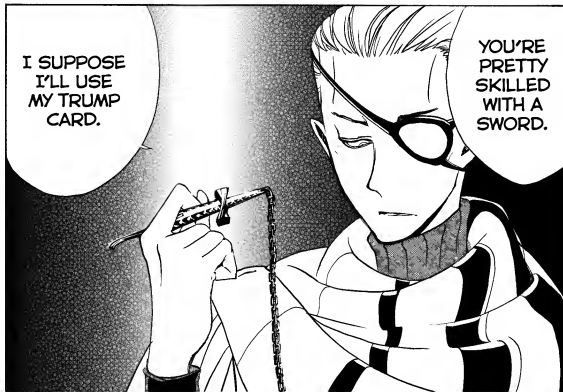
GRAB

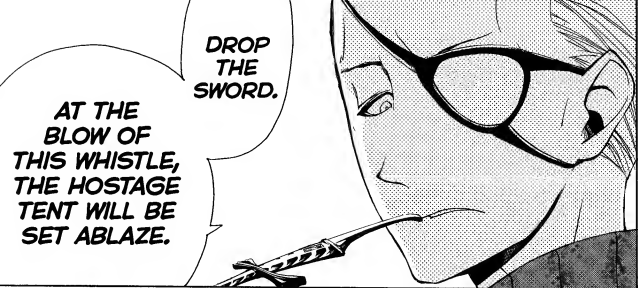






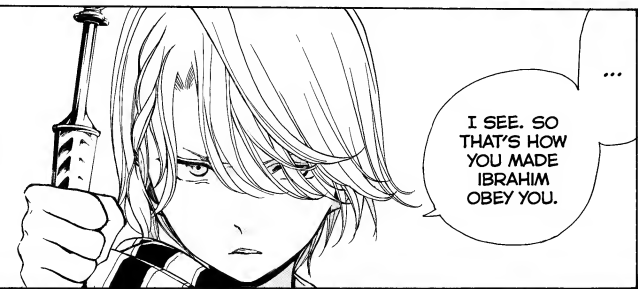
\*ROD ORM MEANS "RED SNAKE" IN SWEDISH.





AT THE  
BLOW OF  
THIS WHISTLE,  
THE HOSTAGE  
TENT WILL BE  
SET ABLAZE.

DROP  
THE  
SWORD.



...

I SEE. SO  
THAT'S HOW  
YOU MADE  
IBRAHIM  
OBEY YOU.



CORRECT.

BUT YOU  
NEEDN'T  
PREPARE  
YOURSELF  
FOR DEATH  
YET.

SMITE THY  
ENEMIES  
AFTER  
THEY RUE  
HAVING  
MADE  
YOU THEIR  
ENEMY

THAT IS OUR  
DOCTRINE.









THOUGH  
YOU ARE A  
SOLDIER OF  
TURKIYE...

...YOU'LL  
SOON PRAY  
THAT THE  
IMPERIALS  
GET HERE  
QUICKLY.



GUH...

THWACK



FUNNY...

I DON'T  
RECALL GIVING  
YOU PERMISSION  
TO RAISE YOUR  
HANDS.



ARE YOU  
TRYING TO  
PROTECT  
YOURSELF...

...OR THE  
HOSTAGES?





IF YOU  
VALUE THE  
HOSTAGES'  
LIVES,

THEN  
KEEP  
YOUR  
HANDS  
ON THE  
GROUND.



ISKAN-  
DAR...

I'M  
COUNT-  
ING ON  
YOU,



CULT OF THE RED SNAKE  
Colbert & Eleanore

IMPERIAL MINISTER  
Louis

THE HATTED GOVERNOR  
Ibrahim



DANCER OF ALTUN  
Shara

THE POISON GENERAL  
Zaganos

THE GOLDEN EAGLE GENERAL  
Mahmur



Ellvaldes



<HEY,  
IMPERIAL  
LADY!>

<WAS ALL THAT  
ABOUT MAKING  
THIS CITY OUR  
OWN COUNTRY  
A LIE?!>

<THAT GUY  
JUST SAID...

WE WERE BEING  
TRICKED BY  
THE EMPIRE!

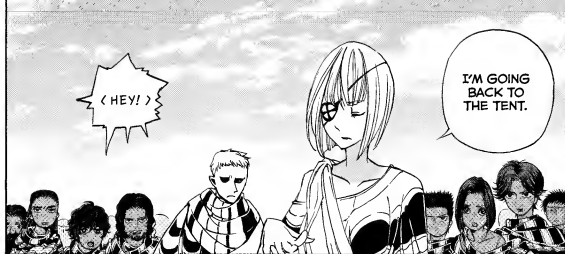
IS THAT  
TRUE?!>



DAMN  
THAT  
BOY.

HE'S  
REALLY GONE  
AND MADE  
A MESS OF  
THINGS.





<HEY!>

I'M GOING  
BACK TO  
THE TENT.



<TELL US  
THE TRUTH!

WAS THAT  
PROMISE  
ABOUT  
GRANTING  
OUR WISH  
A LIE OR  
NOT?!

GRAB  
IT

<WHA?!

HOLD IT!>



<OH, STOP  
YOUR INCESSANT  
BARKING...>

<SAY  
SOME-  
THING!>



I'LL LIGHT  
THIS TENT  
ON FIRE

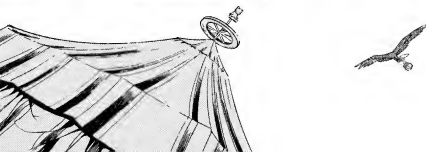
<IF YOU CAN'T  
BE QUIET,

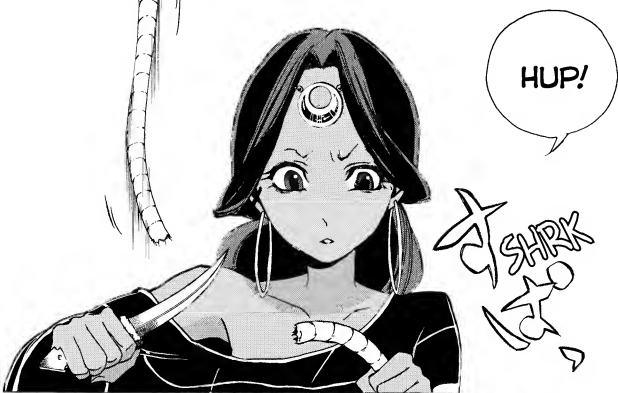
AND LET  
THE TURKIYE  
HOSTAGES  
ROAST ALIVE.>

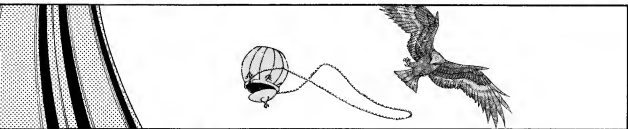
...THE TURKS  
WILL HUNT DOWN  
YOUR ENTIRE  
CLAN UNTIL NOT  
A SINGLE ARABA  
IS LEFT.)

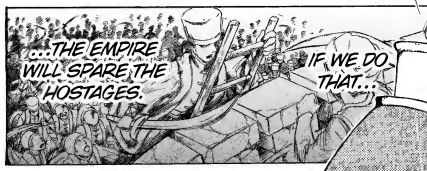
◁AND  
IF THAT  
HAPPENS...

?!











...I DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
HAVE TO  
USE THIS.

FLAP

FLAP



TO BE  
HONEST...

CUFF



...THIS IS  
MY ONLY  
OPTION.

BUT WITH ONLY 4,000  
SOLDIERS, IN ORDER  
TO STOP THE 40,000  
ARABA CLANSMEN  
ADVANCING FROM  
THE REAR...

?!

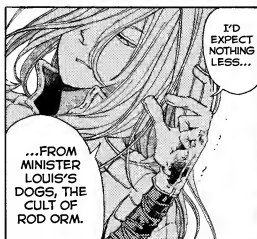


DON'T TELL ME...  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
USE THE POISON!

PASHA...



WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO...?





AFTER  
YOU'RE  
PATCHED  
UP

WE'RE  
MOVING  
OUT!



I'M DONE  
PUTTING  
MY MONEY  
ON THAT LOS-  
ER'S FAILED  
STRATEGY.

LET'S  
DO THINGS  
OUR WAY,  
SHALL WE?







THE FACT  
THAT YOU  
MUST DIE  
HERE...

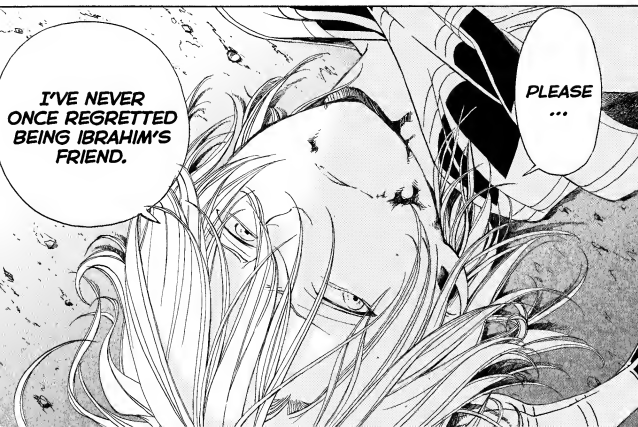


HAVE  
YOU  
STARTED  
TO RE-  
GRET

HAVING  
TAKEN  
HIS SIDE  
YET?



...IS ALL  
HIS FAULT,  
AS WELL.



I'VE NEVER  
ONCE REGRETTED  
BEING IBRAHIM'S  
FRIEND.

PLEASE  
...





HAH  
...

...  
UGH  
...

WE'RE  
ONLY JUST  
GETTING  
STARTED.

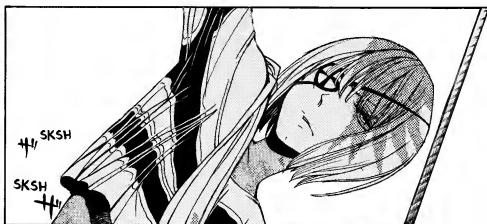
I WONDER  
IF YOU'LL  
SING THE  
SAME  
TUNE...

...AFTER  
I TAKE ONE  
OF YOUR  
ARMS.



YOU'RE  
WORKING  
WITH THAT  
BOY, AREN'T  
YOU?

IDENTIFY  
YOURSELF.









WHA?!

AH...!

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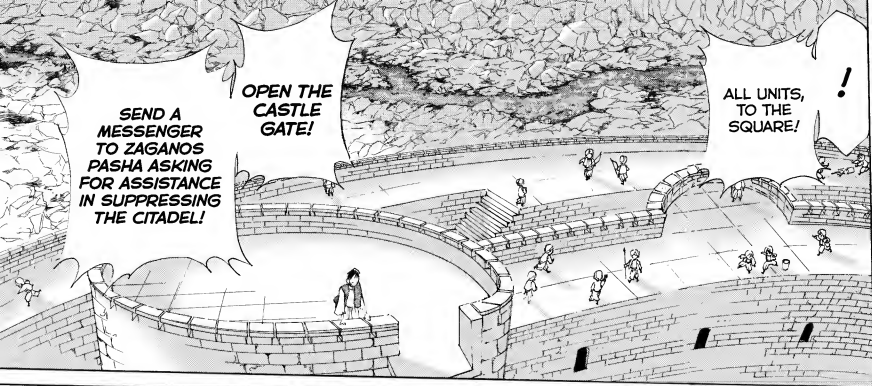
THE FIRE!

LIGHT IT  
BEFORE THE  
HOSTAGES  
ESCAPE!

STOP! IF  
YOU LIGHT  
THE FIRE  
NOW—

THIS  
IS  
BAD!





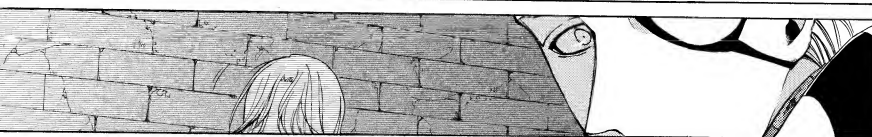
SEND A  
MESSENGER  
TO ZAGANOS  
PASHA ASKING  
FOR ASSISTANCE  
IN SUPPRESSING  
THE CITADEL!

OPEN THE  
CASTLE  
GATE!

!  
ALL UNITS,  
TO THE  
SQUARE!



MAHMUT...



GOOD  
WORK,

KA-CHING

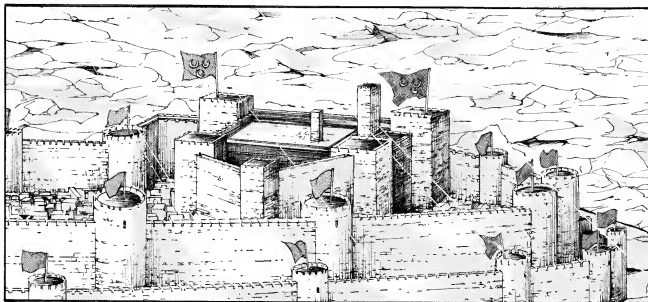
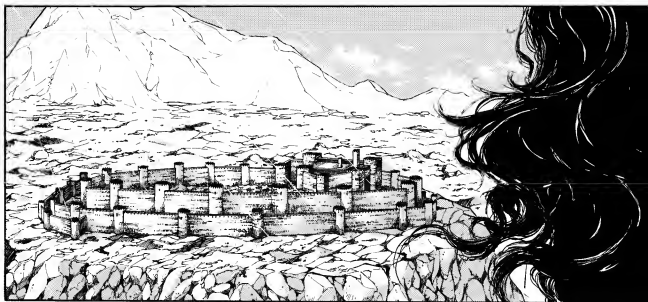
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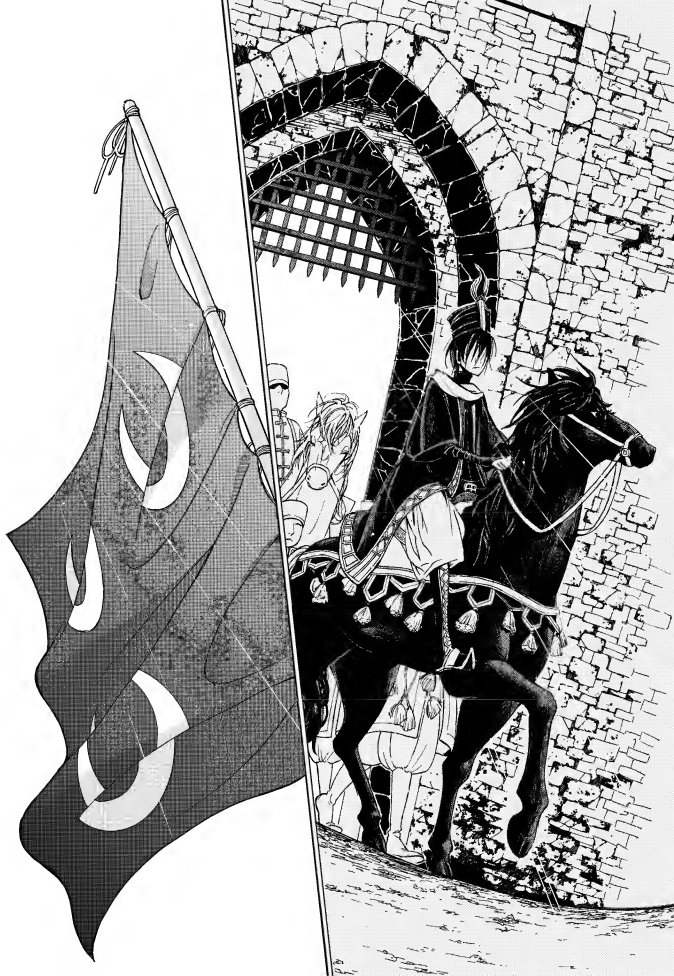


NOW!

RUN  
FOR  
IT!

WHAT  
THE?!





THE  
TROOPS  
WERE TOO  
DRUNK TO  
FIGHT

AND APOL-  
OGIZE OR  
SOMETHING.

RUN  
AND  
TELL  
LOUIS...

WHAT  
SHALL WE  
DO ABOUT  
THIS?

SMILE



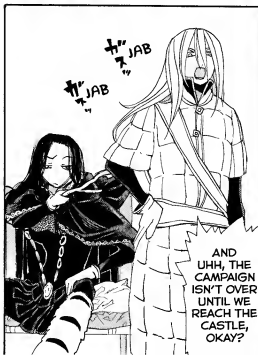
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WE'RE  
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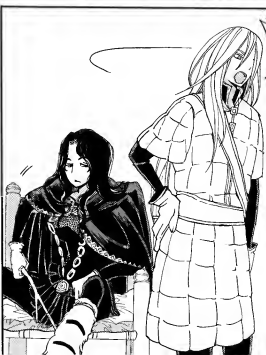


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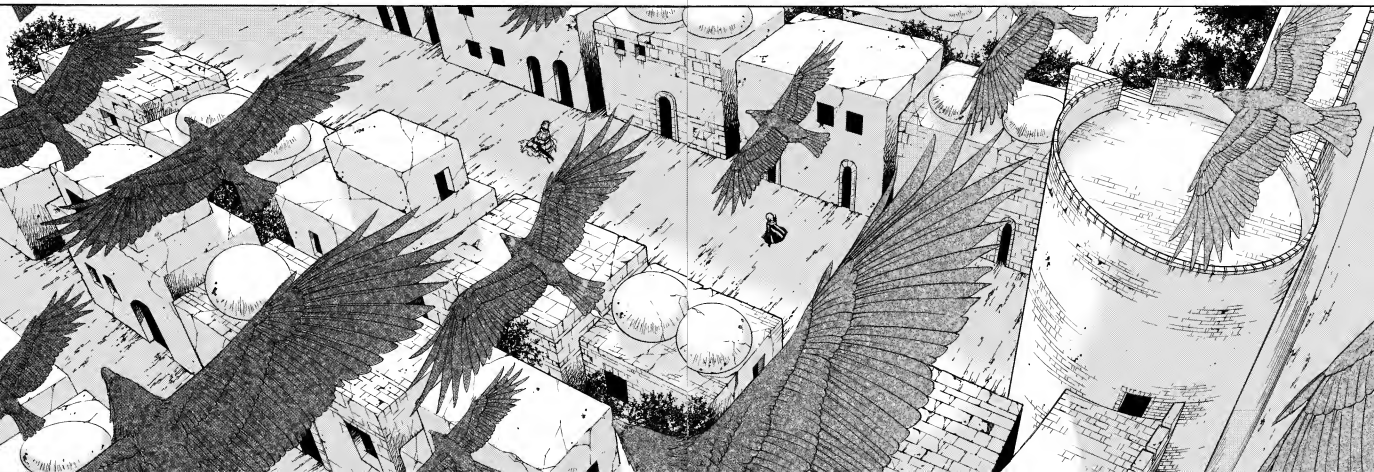
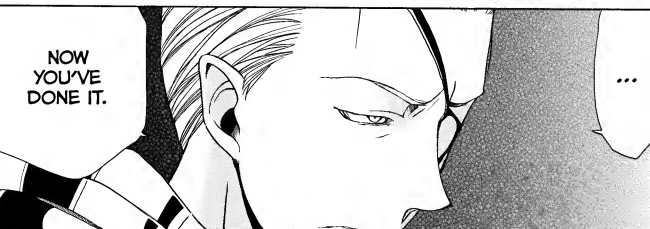
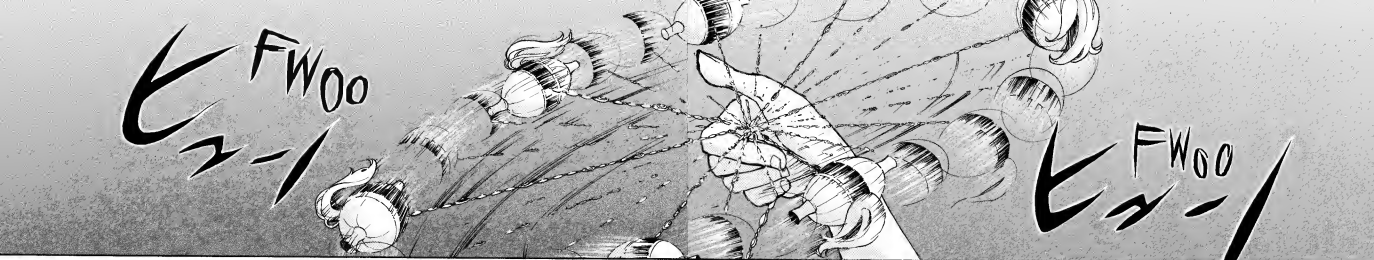


AND  
UHH, THE  
CAMPAIGN  
ISN'T OVER  
UNTIL WE  
REACH THE  
CASTLE,  
OKAY?

LISTEN UP,  
YOU LOT!  
AS YOU  
CAN SEE,  
WE'RE  
DONE  
HERE!  
PACK UP  
AND GET  
READY TO  
MARCH  
HOME!









SHAT

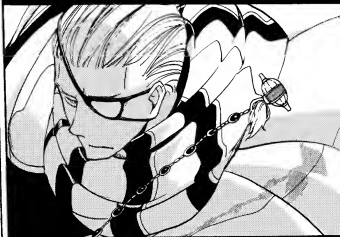


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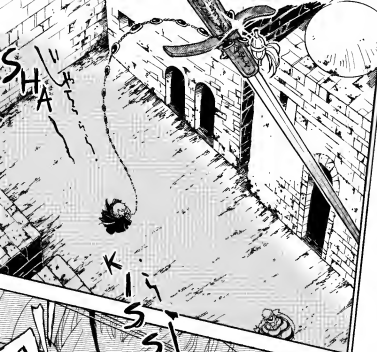
SNECH  
お-CH



I SHOULD INFORM YOU  
THAT IBRAHIM VALI IS  
NOT WORTH SAVING.



DESPITE HOLDING THE POSITION  
OF VALI, HE PRIORITIZED HIS  
FEELINGS BEFORE HIS DUTIES.

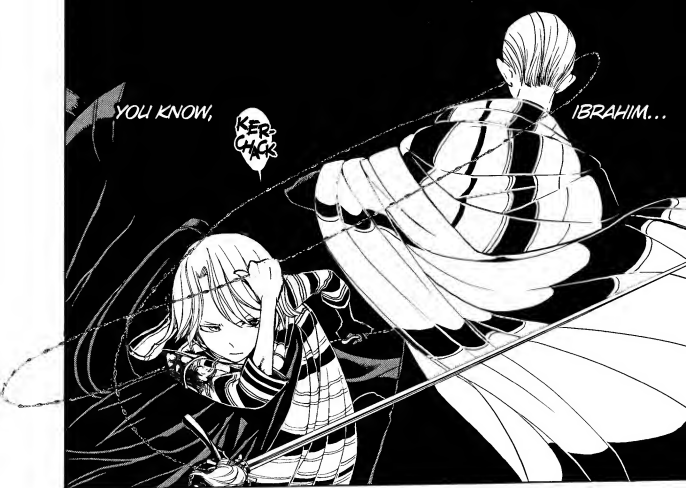








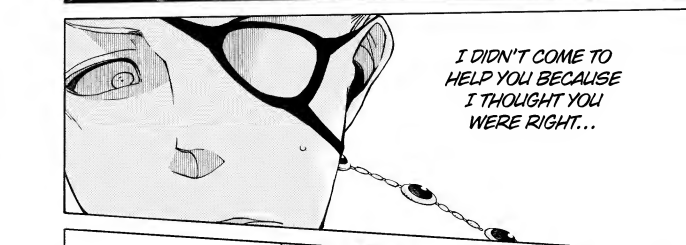
WHA?!



YOU KNOW,

KEEP  
CHICK

IBRAHIM...



I DIDN'T COME TO  
HELP YOU BECAUSE  
I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE RIGHT...



...TO PRIORITIZE THE  
SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES  
OVER STOPPING THE  
REVOLT.

EVEN IF...

CRACK

...YOU STARTED  
A REBELLION.

EVEN IF YOU  
TURNED OUT TO  
BE THE WORST  
GOVERNOR ON  
THE PLANET...



YOU'RE STILL...



...MY FRIEND.

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tö be çöntinüed...

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